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U.K. riots escalate; Hurson laid to rest

LONDON, July 15 (AP) — Rioting broke out in two areas of London late Tuesday night in the 12th straight night of urban violence in Britain, police reported.

But both incidents were on a minor scale compared with previous outbreaks of mob frenzy that have swept through the country. The windows of two shops and two pubs were smashed by a gang of between 50 to 100 black looters in the Forest Gate area of east London, police said. They said two black youths were arrested, one for carrying a gasoline bomb, the other obstructing the police.

In Fulham, west London, a private car was overturned and set on fire by a gang of black and white youths. One white youth was arrested for possessing a weapon. Both areas were quickly brought under control by police.

Police raided 11 homes before dawn Wednesday in the south London suburb of Brixton, some of some of the worst rioting in Britain's current wave of urban violence, and arrested seven persons, Scotland Yard reported. A Scotland Yard spokesman said police found a bottle and some inflammable liquid, but no disturbances were reported during the raid, which lasted less than an hour.

Opposition legislators in the House of Commons claimed unemployment caused by the government's policies was partly to blame for the rioting. Six British police chiefs went to Northern Ireland Tuesday for briefings on riot control, Scotland Yard said.

"This is no time for detailed analysis. We have a problem," Mrs. Thatcher said during sharp exchanges in the House of Commons with opposition Labor Party legislators, who blamed soaring unemployment for the rioting in British cities.

Announcing an "urgent review" of anti-riot laws, Mrs. Thatcher added: "We are not going to be able to deal in practice with the economic and social aspects of it until law is restored and seen to be restored." She said teargas and water cannon would be part of "legitimate" anti-riot equipment if police chiefs wished, adding: "If police constables want to have the use of rubber bullets, I believe they will have the support of the Home Secretary (William Whitelaw, minister in charge of the police)."

In Belfast, protesters hurling gasoline bombs attacked two police stations in early Wednesday, police reported, as mourners buried the sixth dead hunger striker Martin Hurson.

In the neighboring Republic of Ireland, 200 pro-Irish Republican Army demonstrators, carrying two empty coffins, blocked the entrance to Shannon International Airport for nearly an hour, police said. A man in paramilitary uniform fired three shots from a revolver over the coffins, the traditional IRA funeral salute.

Startled passengers watched as the demonstrators marched a half-time to the terminal building, dumped the coffins outside the state-owned British Airways office, while a protester climbed on to a canopy over the office waving six black flags. A one-mile traffic jam built up at the terminal entrance. Two police squad cars followed the march and police inside the terminal building watched the protest, but did not intervene. Police reported no arrests.

The Irish Times, meanwhile, reported that Ireland's Prime Minister Garrett Fitzgerald asked the Irish embassy in Washington to seek President Ronald Reagan's personal intervention with the British government in the hunger strike protest in Northern Ireland.

U.S. ups contract on F-15 planes

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP) — The U.S. Air Force has awarded McDonnell Douglas Corp. a \$456 million increase in a contract covering sale of 62 F-15 fighter planes, support equipment and trainers to Saudi Arabia.

The air force told key members of Congress the increase essentially completes funding of the 1979 contract for sale of the planes to Saudi Arabia and raises the total contract value to \$887.3 million.

This contract does not include advanced sidewinder air-to-air missiles and long-range fuel tanks approved by the Reagan administration for the Saudi Arabian jets despite objections from Israel. Production of the first of Saudi Arabia's 62 F-15s is due to be completed within a month, the air force told Congress.

12-story building collapses



COLLAPSE: A 12-story building under construction on Medina Road, Jeddah, collapsed Wednesday afternoon. Photo shows, at right foreground, the rubble of the building. About 20 workers are feared killed.

JEDDAH, July 15 — At least 20 workers were feared killed in the collapse of a 12-story building under construction on Medina road here Wednesday.

The building, part of a three-wing construction belonging to Messrs. Al AGL and built by a Saudi Arabian Italian joint venture, collapsed at about 4:00 p.m.

Civil Defense officials told Arab News that they had the names of about 20 workers still trapped in the debris. Four workers suffered serious injuries when they were flung away by the impact and were rushed to the hospital. One of them died later on.

Makkah Governor Prince Majeed rushed to the scene to direct rescue operations by the Civil Defense Forces and Interior Ministry personnel. Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi interrogated the engineers and designers of the building to determine the cause of the tragedy. He told Arab News that his first conclusion was that the collapse was caused by "land subsidence."

He believed that the soil underneath the building moved and disturbed the construction which was nearing completion. The two other parts of the complex remained steady but the final conclusion will have to await the experts' report when all the rubble had been removed, the mayor said.

'Ruthless and dangerous' Drug dealer jailed for life

LONDON, July 15 (AFP) — Millionaire drug dealer Sinclair was jailed for life Wednesday and described as "ruthless and dangerous" by a judge. He was sent to prison with a recommendation to serve not less than 20 years for his part in the "handless corpse" murder of drugs racketeer Marty "Mr. Asia" Johnstone.

He was also ordered to pay \$2.2 million toward prosecution costs after Mrs. Justice Heilbron told him at the Lancaster, North England, court, that she understood he was worth at least \$55 million. Four members of Sinclair's massive drug-smuggling ring who acted as benchmen in the gruesome murder were also given life sentences — one with a recommendation of 20 years minimum — and a total of 175 years imprisonment was imposed on the drugs conspiracy convictions which the 36-year-old "Mr. Big" shared with eight other persons.

The sentences marked the end of a 123-day trial at top-security Lancaster Castle — Britain's most expensive case and its second.

Four OPEC ministers meet in Taif

TAIF, July 15 (R) — Four OPEC oil ministers met here Wednesday and began discussing the world oil glut which has forced down some members' prices, oil sources said.

Attending the talks are the Kuwait Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah, United Arab Emirates' Mansur Al-Otaiba and the oil minister of Algeria, the sources said.

Saudi Arabia, the largest oil exporter, has sought the glut to bring down the higher (OPEC Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) prices in preparation for a unified pricing system. Under this, an oil's price would depend on its quality relative to a marker crude. The present OPEC average price is just below \$36 a barrel, but Kingdom bases its prices on a \$32 marker.

The glut, which has also been partly caused by reduced demand in industrialized countries has already forced a number of OPEC countries to cut output substantially. But most OPEC members have refused to cut their official prices. Libya, Nigeria and Algeria have the highest prices in the 13-member organization at \$40 a barrel.

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Interest rates pose threat to U.S. plan

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP) — Stubbornly high interest rates will drive federal spending \$10 billion higher than President Ronald Reagan had planned next year despite his extensive budget cutting and rapidly receding inflation, the administration reported Wednesday.

Next year's budget is now expected to top \$700 billion. In an updated budget and economic forecast, the Office of Budget Management predicted that inflation would unwind even faster than earlier optimistic forecasts had called for. Consumer prices, which jumped 12.4 percent in 1980, are expected to rise 8.6 percent this year and 6.2 percent in 1982.

The forecast for interest rates, however, was not so hopeful. Already near record levels, short-term rates are expected to remain above 10 percent through 1982.

In addition, with virtually no economic growth predicted for rest of the year, unemployment will rise to 2.7 percent in 1981 and remain at 7 percent or higher through 1982, according to the forecast. Rates will stay in double digits through 1982, the report predicts.

The mid-year forecast indicated Reagan is abandoning plans to hold spending in 1982 to \$695.3 billion — the ceiling he set in February, when he proposed \$48.6 billion in spending cuts. Instead, the administration now expects spending next year to total \$704.8 billion because higher interest rates have driven up the government's borrowing costs by more than \$10 billion.

Despite spending increase, Reagan predicts the budget deficit for 1982 will actually be somewhat lower than he had projected earlier — \$42.5 billion rather than \$45 billion.

Interest rates also are pushing spending for this year to \$661.2 billion much above Reagan's earlier ceiling, but the anticipated budget deficit will rise less than \$1 billion to \$55.6 billion because of the smaller tax-cut proposal. The revised spending figures do not back away from Reagan's pledge to balance the budget by 1984, but the increases brought on by economic events beyond the president's direct control raise doubt about his ability to achieve his balanced budget goal except by trimming his tax-cut plan.

Reagan's forecasters are sticking to their statistics and predictions that the economy will grow healthily in 1982 because of the stimulative effect his proposed tax cuts are supposed to have.

The economy, adjusted for inflation, is expected to grow 2.5 percent this year, but only because of a record jump in activity during the first quarter — even though the administration sees inflation unwinding, it expects interest rates to remain substantially higher than it had forecast in February. At the time, administration economists said interest rates to fall rapidly as Reagan's anti-inflation policies are implemented.

19 die in Israeli raids

BEIRUT, July 15 (Agencies) — A total of 19 persons were killed and 28 wounded in Tuesday's Israeli raids in Southern Lebanon, according to reports quoting the port city of Sidon's five hospitals. The casualties were from the southern Lebanon regions hit in the two waves of Israeli air raids. Dead and injured from strikes on the coastal towns south of Beirut were rushed directly to the capital.

The raids lasted nearly 24 hours and ended around 6 p.m. local, the report said.

Israeli planes later dropped flares along the southern coast from the Shouf area to Sidon and Tyre as well as over Nabatiyeh, witnesses reported. Palestinian military sources said Israeli naval vessels were seen offshore and engaged by coastal defenses.

Meanwhile, Syria Wednesday blamed U.S. emissary Philip Habib for the Israeli air raids on south Lebanon. State-run Damascus radio said three Israeli strikes since last Friday came during Habib's third tour of the area "and as a result of plain coordination between the U.S. administration and the Zionist enemy."

Rising gold output unlikely

LONDON, July 15 (AFP) — World gold mine production is unlikely to rise significantly in the next few years, according to a special survey on the metal published in the Financial Times Wednesday.

Pooling a number of different gold industry analysts' views, the city journal estimated the likely increase in production over the next five years would be about 75 to 100 metric tons from the present output figure, including Communist countries, of between 1,250 and 1,300 tons.

"After the mid-1980's production could start to decline mainly reflecting a downturn in South Africa (the number one producer)," it added.

Modest increases are forecast for the United States (present output 28 tons a year), Canada, (50 tons) and Australia (17 tons), adding 15 to 20 tons between them up to 1985. Developing countries, above all in Latin America, led by Brazil may produce another 30 to 40 tons. Brazil's feasible output (35 tons last year) by the end of the decade is put at 100 tons.

As to the top two Communist producers, the Soviet Union and China, they are making "every effort" to boost production, the Financial Times said. The two countries, with an estimated production of 300 tons and 30 tons respectively in 1980, could produce another 40 tons or so over the next five years. Meanwhile, South Africa is likely to keep production roughly in the current range of 670 to 700 tons for the next five years or so, although there could be minor fluctuations in either direction, according to price movement.

After the mid-1980s, annual production is likely to fall off gradually until the end of the century as mines are generally worked out, the survey said. By the year 2000 annual output could be down to 350 tons — only about a third of the 1,000 tons produced in 1970.

The review also contained a comprehensive list of the huge gold stocks held by central banks, headed by the United States (8,217 tons), and followed by West Germany (3,700 tons), International Monetary Fund (IMF) (3,200 tons), France (3,182 tons), Italy (2,592 tons), Switzerland (2,590 tons), Netherlands (1,708 tons), Belgium (1,328 tons), Japan (753 tons) and Britain (732 tons).

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Three mental health hospitals to be built

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, July 15 — The Health Ministry will build three new mental health hospitals this year. There will be a 500-bed hospital in Taif to bring the city total to 1,000 and a 300-bed hospital each in Medina and Riyadh, it was announced Wednesday.

The hospitals will be fully equipped to take care of mental patients, to rehabilitate and train them to do some manual jobs after recovery, according to Dr. Osama Al Razi, director of the mental health in Taif and general supervisor of psychiatric ailments at the ministry.

hospitals.

Dr. Razi who was visiting the mental health clinic at Hofuf's general hospital said it will soon be expanded from 40 to 200 beds and will be provided with adequate manpower and services to take care of all mental health care in the Eastern Province. He was accompanied in his tour by senior doctors and administrative managers to assess the situation in the area.

The mental hospital in Taif is the largest in the country as the city has had a long tradition in treating such cases and ministry plans call for adding another 500 beds to the existing one to bring the total to 1,000. A special committee under Makkah Governor Prince Majed was looking into the expansion scheme. Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazeeri said earlier this year that he planned to build a new mental health hospital on the site of the old Jeddah public hospital in Bah Sharif.

Embassy now gets uniform pattern

RIYADH, July 15 (SPA) — The Higher Committee for the Transfer of the Foreign Ministry and Embassies to Riyadh adopted Tuesday night a standard pattern for embassy land ownership contracts that will ensure equal treatment to all embassies, it was reported.

proposed diplomatic quarter. A report was read out during the meeting by the foreign ministry representative in the committee about the progress of construction at the foreign ministry's new premises here.

The diplomatic quarter project is expected to be completed by 1983, after which embassies are to be transferred to the capital. So far, Jordan, South Korea, the Republic of China and the United States have bought plots here by signing ownership deed agreements.



Prince Majed

Majed signs SR17m charity complex contract

MAKKAH, July 15 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed signed a SR17.6 million contract with a national firm for the construction of a charity housing complex for Makkah's Welfare Society which he chairs Tuesday.

The complex will be built on a 9,500 square meter plot, at Rasifa district, donated by Sheikh Faisal Badr. It will consist of 16 buildings and four clinics. Each building will contain tenflats which will be granted to Makkah's needy families. Another similar complex is planned at Jaroul, in Makkah, to house 90 families.

In other news, a SR70 million contract was awarded to a national firm earlier this week by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. The contract calls for the installation of asbestos and other pipes and spare-parts for a water project to cover Al-Muzahemeyyah, Darda'e and the neighboring villages.

Five artesian wells have already been dug for the project. Water, which was found in abundant quantities in the area, will be pumped from those wells into a major 3,600 cubic meter reservoir. The water will then be distributed through two main 15-kilometer pipes.

Chatti confers with Haig on Mideast

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, July 14 — Habib Chatti, the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, conferred in New York, Wednesday, with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. An OIC spokesman told Arab News, Tuesday, that the talks dealt mainly with the Middle East and Afghanistan.

The meeting takes place two days before the visit to Washington by British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington with whom the OIC secretary general had talks in London on July 9. Carrington will be visiting the United States in his capacity as president of the European Economic Community.

In interviews granted to the British press before flying to the States on Sunday Chatti warned that the situation in the Middle East might go from bad to worse in case the EEC did not press ahead with its initiative. He said he was waiting for a clear indication of the shape which such an initiative might take, but that Lord Carrington was not forthcoming about this subject, "as he is perhaps waiting for more detailed consultations with U.S. President Reagan's Administration and his European partners."

Chatti said the OIC had received a promise that the EEC initiative will come after the U.S. presidential elections. Now that these elections have taken place, elections in France are over, there is a new Italian government, and the results of the Israeli elec-

tions have been declared, "but no EEC initiative has materialized yet," he added.

An EEC role has become more vital after the Israeli attack on Iraq's nuclear research center which proved that Israel's aggression had no limits and that Israel could carry out such attacks anywhere without affecting its relations with western countries. Chatti said He added an important element of Europe's attitude towards the Middle East would be the impact it might have on the evolution of an American policy.

Chatti said that he asked Carrington to persuade the U.S. administration to pursue a policy that would lead to recognition of the Palestinians' legitimate rights. But he wondered if this was part of the mandate given Carrington by the EEC.

Report notes achievements of plan's first year

RIYADH, July 15 — One of the achievements during the first year of Saudi Arabia's Third Five-Year Development Plan (1980-85) was a large increase in the number of university students and a 54 percent rise in the electric power generation, according to a report being prepared by the Planning Ministry. Excerpts from the report were published Wednesday by Al-Riyadh newspaper.

ness a marked regeneration in the petrochemical industry. The report indicates that, after feasibility studies have been conducted, the trend is to invest in the mining industry and the utilization of mineral resources.

On the agricultural level, the state policy which underlines giving subsidies and other incentives, distributing land and granting loans has yielded fruitful results, particularly in the dairy industry.

The development of manpower is one of

the priorities of the new plan and a step already taken in this direction was the establishment of the General Organization for Vocational and Technical Training, the report stated.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Mahmoud Hafez Al Nadwa

For the past few months we have been used to read reports about the cheating of some of petty traders who see no harm in victimizing consumers. Their activity did not surprise us because it becomes the nature of some merchants to indulge in cheating and fraud. They forget that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) had warned us against this malpractice by saying that "he is not from amongst us who deceives us."

But what will you think if cheating or fraud sways over the medical profession which is so delicate and is directly related to the lives of human beings? All of us know that this profession is purely based on humanistic grounds and motivated by compassion, mercy and sincerity.

It pained me, as it might have pained others, to read in the press that an expatriate doctor was expelled from the country for showing negligence in the treatment of a patient and another was fined for not being accurate in his medical report. This sad story had appeared in Al-Jazirah newspaper on July 5.

I don't believe that this kind of people will be many in the field of medical profession. When a doctor chooses his or her profession, he or she does so with a firm belief in the service of mankind. A doctor is expected to strive to ease the sufferings of an ailing person. His or her feelings toward the suffering humanity is the motivating factor in the selection of this noble profession, which should not be enchanted primarily by material gains. But those very few who make this profession a trade, they really lose the human feelings and sentiments and make an exit from the circle of humanity.

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All houses in Kabul searched for rebels

NEW DELHI, July 15 (Agencies) — Afghan authorities have conducted house-to-house searches in parts of Kabul in the last week, following numerous rebel attacks and the slaying of prominent pro-government figures including a former general, Western diplomatic sources said here Wednesday. There had also been more activity than usual at the city's international airport during the week, with helicopters and MIG-21 jets flying frequently and low, the sources said.

But the sources could not confirm a Western radio report that the Soviets have inducted 5,000 more troops into Afghanistan. The movements were related to internal military transportation and summer troop rotation, the sources said. In operations in Kabul, about 200 government troops aided by an unspecified number of Kbad secret police agents surrounded areas in southwest Kabul beginning July 5, and seized all male adults, the sources said. During the operation, at least five government soldiers and political officers, and several rebels, were killed.

The sources here also reported the slaying of an unidentified Russian near the Intercontinental Hotel in Kabul last Friday. The same day, rebels ambushed a vehicle carrying Khad

agents near the Karghu Dam in the outskirts of the city. Two Khad personnel were killed and three were taken prisoner by the rebels. At Kabul airport, the sources said quoting eyewitnesses, armed personnel carriers were seen being loaded into giant AN-22 transport aircraft to reinforce units fighting rebels in the provinces.

According to reports, anti-government forces in Kabul have declared a "holy struggle" against the ruling Marxist party. The Muslim rebels pledged in surreptitiously-distributed leaflets called "Night Letters" to increase their activities against the government, said the report from a Kabul source who has been accurate in the past. The rebels urged residents to help them destroy the 24 Kabul centers of the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan, and kill as many party members as possible, the report said. It added that the leaflets claimed anyone killed by the Soviets or their servants during Ramadan would go to "paradise."

In Islamabad, the government has admitted that "malpractices" have existed in the Afghan refugee relief program and that 50 Pakistani officials have been prosecuted or otherwise disciplined, a United Nations official said Tuesday.

On arms to Pakistan U.S. allays Indian misgivings

WASHINGTON, July 15 (R) — The State Department has said there is no reason for India to feel threatened by the recent U.S. agreement to sell advanced arms to Pakistan.

"Our evolving security relationship with Pakistan is part of a broader effort to meet the challenge of Soviet adventurism in Southwest Asia and the Indian Ocean," department spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters Tuesday. "It is not directed against India or India's legitimate interest," he said.

The United States has agreed to provide Pakistan with at least \$1.5 billion worth of

arms over the next five years, including advanced F-16 fighter-bombers. The Indian government was critical of the plan, but Romberg said U.S. officials had explained to India that the Pakistan deal was a response to the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan. "In any event we do not believe that the acquisition by Pakistan of F-16 aircraft will significantly change the balance of military forces in South Asia where India's own modernization program gives her superiority in the air," Romberg said. India recently concluded a major arms deal with the Soviet Union.

To Iraq Iran warns Kuwait on leasing island

BEIRUT, July 15 (Agencies) — Iran's Foreign Minister Hussein Jusavi said Tuesday leasing the Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan to Iraq would bring Kuwait into confrontation with Iran.

Iran's official news agency, Pars, quoted Musavi as saying at a press conference in Tehran that Iraq, with which Iran is at war, had been seeking to lease the small island for 99 years from Kuwait to use it for military purposes against Iran. He said he hoped and believed Kuwait would not give in to what he called "political blackmail" from Iraq for leasing the island.

"Otherwise, it would be natural that Kuwait would confront the Islamic revolution of Iran and would sustain the same blow from Iran that Iraq did," he was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, an underground newspaper circulating in Tehran has quoted Iran's fugitive ex-President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr as pledging to return to power and punish his fundamentalist Muslim opponents, sources said in Beirut Tuesday. A source who declined to be identified by name said the 47-year-old deposed head of state was quoted in a two-page, printed newspaper as saying he would come back to set up a "just Islamic republic."

The source said the paper was found in mail boxes, on doorsteps and in several parts of the Iranian capital three days ago.

Sinai pact to be signed in London

CAIRO, July 15 (AP) — The agreement on the formation of a multinational force to patrol Egyptian-Israeli borders in the Sinai will be initialed Friday in London, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali has said.

Foreign ministry undersecretary Taber Shih will attend for Egypt, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Sterner will represent the American team, and David Kimche, director-general of the foreign ministry will initial for Israel. Ali said. The agreement came at the end of more than six months of talks on how to establish the desert patrol that will enable Israel to withdraw from the remaining 20 percent of the peninsula it occupied in the 1967 war.

The force is said not to exceed 2,300 personnel. Handled by an American civilian director general, some 800 U.S. troops are said to be part of the force that is expected to cost some \$100 million annually. The fiscal agreement was announced last Friday.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (R) — Egypt has warned Libya it should hold Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi personally responsible if any Libyan tried to explode as much as one sock of dynamite in Egypt, the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* said Tuesday.

KUWAIT, (API) — Fire brigades combated and controlled a blaze in the carpet-laden Greek freighter *Kriti Emerald* at Shuwaikh port here Tuesday.

KUWAIT, (AP) — Information Undersecretary Saadoun al-Jassem submitted his resignation Tuesday after 19 years in office, the government announced. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabuh al-Ahmad, in his capacity as acting minister for information, accepted the resignation.

AMMAN, Jordan, (AP) — A total of 59 cholera cases were reported in Jordan during the past 24 hours, the Jordanian health ministry announced Tuesday.

ALGIERS, (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad left Algiers Tuesday after a 48-hour visit during which he had several meetings with President Chadli Benjedid, the Algerian news agency APS reported. President Assad discussed matters concerning the Arab world "in particular the need to deal with the imperialist offensive," the agency said.

BERN, (AP) — Farouk Khaddoumi, the Palestinian Liberation Organization's foreign affairs chief, declared himself "greatly satisfied" with talks here Tuesday with leading Swiss foreign ministry officials.

WASHINGTON, (R) — A professional student recruiter and officials from five U.S. schools have been charged with conspiring fraudulently to obtain student visas for Iranians, the Justice Department said. A grand jury indictment said they caused false documents to be presented to the U.S. embassy in Tehran and the U.S. Consulate in Shiraz, Iran, to obtain visas for Iranians wishing to enter the U.S. in 1976.

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For meddling in domestic matters Morocco expels five foreign lawyers

RABAT, July 15 (Agencies) — Morocco's justice ministry has asked a group of foreign lawyers to leave the country for "interfering in Morocco's domestic affairs," the Moroccan News agency MAP has reported.

Quoting the justice ministry, the agency said Tuesday the group came to Morocco as tourists "and thought they could take upon themselves to be defense counsels in court cases for which they made no application for prior authorization." When they realized they could not plead without authorization, members of the group presented themselves "as observers to interfere in Moroccan affairs, again in violation of domestic law," the agency said.

Members of the Rabat Bar said a Canadian, two French and two Egyptian lawyers and an Italian journalist had been expelled

Tuesday morning by the authorities. Their arrival in Morocco coincided with a series of trials after bloody riots in Casablanca June 20 in which 66 persons were killed and more than 1,000 detained, according to official figures.

The Canadian was identified as Andre Tremblay of Montreal, a representative of the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva, and one of the French lawyers as Yves Klilien, representing the International Association of Democratic Jurists. The Italian was identified as Raul Wiltjenberg, a journalist representing trade union newspapers.

Before being expelled, Tremblay told Reuters the group planned to attend trials in various towns as observers to watch for the strict application of Moroccan law and legal procedures and respect for the rights

of the accused. He said they attended the opening of the trial in Rabat Tuesday of a group of 82 persons including five leaders of the socialist opposition (USFP) charged with inciting violence. He said they had been received "courteously" by Moroccan judicial authorities.

The five were asked to leave the country by the authorities "after they had proof...of the hidden objectives" of the lawyers, the agency added. Meanwhile, Rabat's criminal court Tuesday began hearing evidence from the Rabat riots, which coincided with more serious disturbances in the economic capital of Casablanca. The accused complained of their treatment in detention and rejected statements they were alleged to have made, admitting membership in the Democratic Confederation of Labor (CDT) and inciting others to strike.

U.S. lawmaker's statement ruffles Zionists

WASHINGTON, July 15 — Congressman Paul N. McCloskey is trying to soothe the ruffled feathers of Jewish leaders in his home district after the California Republican said he will stand by his remarks made last week that American Jews have a "tendency" to "control the actions of Congress."

McCloskey will have no further statement, an assistant to his Washington office told *Arab News* Tuesday until after the seven-term Congressman meets with Jewish leaders this week.

The California Republican, who last year initiated a dialogue on the floor of the House of Representatives about pinning stipulations

on Israel's use of American aid monies, is under attack by American Jewish organizations because of a speech he gave last week in California to a group of retired American military officers.

In that speech, McCloskey said: "We've got to overcome the tendency of the Jewish community in America to control the actions of Congress and force the president and the Congress not to be evenhanded in the Middle East."

McCloskey's outspokenness on the influence and tactics of the Zionist lobby on Capitol Hill followed by two weeks similar remarks made by Senator Charles Mathias, Jr. (Republican of Maryland). In an article published late last month in a prestigious

foreign policy magazine, *Foreign Affairs*, Mathias wrote that there is a conviction in Congress that political sanctions will be applied to those lawmakers failing to totally support the activities of the pro-Israeli lobby.

Like McCloskey, Mathias was strongly criticized by Jewish groups for his public statement. Anticipating the critical reaction of his Jewish constituents in Maryland, Mathias sought to explain his position in a letter sent to Jewish leaders prior to publication of his historical essay, entitled "Ethnic groups and foreign policy." Mathias has not spoken publicly on the article since its publication. An assistant for McCloskey denied that the publication of Mathias' well-researched study prompted the California Congressman's decision to go public in his criticism of the power of the Zionist lobby.

"Pete (the Congressman's nickname) has had these views for a long time," his assistant told *Arab News*. But the congressional aide did not totally dismiss a linkage in the two lawmakers' statements saying that the Mathias article "was not the sole reason" behind McCloskey's decision to open a verbal barrage on the Zionist lobby's influence.

Sahara voters list poses problem

BAMAKO, July 15 (AP) — The question of who has voting rights in the proposed referendum on the future of Western Sahara is the key problem in the Organization of African Unity (OAU) plan for a settlement in the territory, Malian Foreign Minister Alioune Blondin Beye has said.

"It is difficult but not insurmountable," Blondin Beye said in an interview with AFP. "It is not a decision to be taken lightly but after consultations and checking the authenticity of the claims of all the interested parties."

Mali was a member of the former OAU ad hoc committee on Western Sahara, where the Algerian-backed Polisario front is fighting Morocco for control of the territory, and is now on the new body to work out arrangements for the referendum. Blondin Beye said that voting rights could be established by examining statistics held by all those concerned with the region, including the former colonial power of Spain and the United Nations.

Asked if there might be a new census, the minister replied, "If the records put at the committee's disposal are sufficiently relevant, there will be no problem, but if they show that further precautions must be taken, we will take them."

Bloodin Beye recalled that the OAU committee had the task of arranging and monitoring a ceasefire in Western Sahara as well as organizing the referendum in cooperation with the parties concerned. "We are engaged in a peaceful settlement," Blondin Beye said. He noted that the committee had full powers to decide on behalf of the OAU, that the United Nations — which had "very

great experience in this field" — had been asked to help, and that the committee must meet by the end of August.

"There is a desire to settle the problem quickly, but not to hurry over it, because we are aware that the longer it lasts, the more it will endanger the region and the sub-region," Blondin Beye said.

He saw no problem in Morocco's reluctance to talk directly to Polisario. "We can meet all sides perfectly well without putting them round the same table to collect all useful information and synthesize it," he said. Blondin Beye envisaged the committee asking each side to supply a written memorandum outlining how it saw the way to operate the referendum and the ceasefire. The committee would then determine the points of agreement and disagreement.

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Commandos' bomb kills Israeli officer

DAMASCUS, July 15 (R) — Palestinian commandos were responsible for a bomb explosion which killed a senior Israeli officer in the occupied Gaza Strip, a Syrian military spokesman has said.

The spokesman said a commando unit inside the occupied territory killed the military commander of the Rafiah region and a number of his companions. He gave no other details.

(In Tel Aviv, a military spokesman said the Israeli commander of the region, Lt. Col. Eli Shahad, was killed by a bomb and three policemen and two soldiers with him were wounded.)

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670 arrested

12 die in Indian riots

NEW DELHI, July 15 (AP) — Authorities have ordered police to shoot rioters on sight and proclaimed an indefinite round-the-clock curfew in the walled city of Hyderabad after 12 persons were killed and 350 injured in two days of sectarian rioting, local officials said.

Hyderabad Police Commissioner C. G. Saldanha said rioting spread to new localities in the city Tuesday, but claimed the situation had been brought under control.

Armed policemen and paramilitary troops marched through the streets of the violence-

torn areas in a show of strength as hundreds of fear-stricken residents locked up stores and homes and fled to safer places, Indian news agencies reported.

Rival factions fought pitched battles with rocks, bricks, knives, staves and firebombs. Police teargassed and opened fire on rioting mobs at two places Tuesday, killing one person, Saldanha said.

The United News of India (UNI) agency reported that four persons were stabbed to death Tuesday by rival community members in Hyderabad, capital of India's Andhra Pradesh state. Two old men were dragged out of a train at Falaknuma suburban station and murdered, it said.

The police commissioner said that so far 670 persons have been arrested on rioting charges. Tuesday, police arrested five opposition leaders, including Sultan Saluddin Owasai, Baquar Agha and Bal Reddy, under India's National Security Act that allows preventive detention without trial for up to a year, he added. The arrested leaders were "actively promoting communal hatred" in the city, Saldanha said.

Ninety-two injured persons were reported admitted to Hyderabad's government-run Osmania General Hospital, UNI said at least 60 persons suffered knife injuries in running street battles Tuesday.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) agency reported that police recovered a large quantity of homemade guns, incendiary bombs, acid and knives after Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister T. Anjiah, the state's top political official, ordered intensive house searches in all troubled localities and a crackdown on "anti-social elements."

The report said more than 150 homes and shops were damaged by fire, looting and brickbats Tuesday. Mobs also set aflame five city buses, it added.



BOILER EXPLOSION: Rescue team at work Tuesday at Sorut in India's western state of Gujarat where some 400 workers are feared to have been trapped under the debris of the four-storyed Shantinath Art Silk Mill following a boiler explosion July 9.

Rare plane sold at record price

PERTHSHIRE, Scotland, July 15 (AP) — A rare World War II Hawker Hurricane fighter, which was used in the filming of the movie *Battle of Britain*, has been sold at auction for a record 260,000 pounds (\$484,000). The seller was Scottish landowner Sir William Roxekts and the buyer was his family trust.

The craft was one of 25 from the collection at Scotland's Strathallen Aircraft Museum put on the block because — according to Roxekts, who started the 32-plane collection — they were becoming too costly to maintain.

Together, they brought 645,000 pounds (\$1.2 million). Most bidders arrived for the sale at Strathallen airfield in their own private planes.

Roxekts originally bought the Hawker Hurricane IIB, a 12-gun model, from the makers of the movie. In the real battle of Britain, in which British pilots turned back a better equipped German Luftwaffe in the early months of World War II, Hurricanes destroyed more enemy aircraft than all other defense systems, air or ground.

China's floods affect millions

PEKING, July 15 (Agencies) Floods have hit Sichuan province, China's most populous, threatening the homes of two million people, the official Chinese radio has announced. Two towns, Jintang and Ziyang, had been flooded and about 400,000 hectares of farmland inundated.

Army rescue teams were flown to Jintang county, the worst hit, where 30,000 persons had been cut off by flood waters. The radio gave no casualty figures.

Meanwhile, a New Delhi report said after a two-day respite, most of northern India is again facing the threat of a fresh wave of floods. The reports said a number of rivers, including the Brahmaputra and its tributaries in Assam in the northeast, the Ganges, the Ghagra and other rivers in Uttar Pradesh state and several other rivers in Punjab and Kashmir in the north, were rising again following renewed heavy rains.

The floods and rains have already claimed 109 deaths in Uttar Pradesh state, where an estimated 2.6 million people were affected. In Kashmir, the state administration Tuesday alerted the army at 75 villages in Jammu region were threatened by swollen rivers.

Smith's party wins poll

SALISBURY, July 15 (R) — White Zimbabweans have reaffirmed backing for former Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith in a parliamentary by-election being interpreted as a snub for the country's black government.

In the whites-only election in the Salisbury suburb of Borrowdale Tuesday, Brig. John Robert, candidate of Smith's Republican Front party, easily beat Chris Verger of the recently-formed Democratic Party. Robert polled 1202 votes while Verger, whose party campaigned on a platform of cooperation with Zimbabwe's black rulers, received 594 votes. There are 20 whites-only seats in the 100-seat parliament.

Italian expert killed while defusing bomb

COMO, Northern Italy, July 15 (AFP) — A police bomb disposal expert was killed while trying to defuse one of six bombs planted in this fashionable Alpine resort Tuesday night. Responsibility was later claimed by the "Workers Brigades for Communism."

The bomb had been left outside a butcher's shop. The five other devices, also left outside shops, blew up without causing injuries.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — President Suharto of Indonesia will make an official visit to the United States at a date to be agreed by the two countries, the White House announced Tuesday. The two leaders will discuss "global and regional matters," the statement said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's first lady Nancy Reagan will leave here on July 23 for London where she will represent President Ronald Reagan at the wedding of Britain's Crown Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, the White House announced Tuesday. Reagan had been invited to the royal wedding but declined for health and security reasons following the attack on his life at the end of March.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Countries whose ships and planes cross a 300-mile wide area in the northcentral Pacific were asked Tuesday the Soviet government to keep the area clear from July 17 to 27, because of rocket tests it intended to hold in that area. It was the sec-

ond such request from the Soviet Union this month.

BUDAPEST (AP) — A father pushed three of his children off a 10-story building to their deaths as an act of revenge against his estranged wife, the Communist Party newspaper *Nepszabadsag* reported Tuesday.

ROME (R) — An autopsy on the body of Alfredo Rampi, the six-year-old boy who fell down a well last month, showed Tuesday that his death was probably due to heart failure brought on by asphyxiation, medical sources said. Alfredo fell down the well in a field near his home at Frascati outside Rome June 10 and survived for four days while a series of rescue attempts failed to reach him trapped 60 meters down the narrow shaft.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Cholera has broken out in a near-epidemic form in Calcutta suburbs claiming nine lives in the past few days. It was reported Tuesday another 113 persons have been hospitalized.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Children have been evacuated from the popular black sea resort of Anapa after a week's solid rain and storms caused flooding, Tass reported Wednesday.

Soviets said building up troop strength in Far East

TOKYO, July 15 (AP) — A Japanese Defense Agency official said Wednesday the Soviet Union has made "considerable" increase in its military equipment and troops strength in the Far East in the past year, with a sharp rise in the number of backfire bombers deployed along the Siberian coast facing Japan.

Hirohiko Okazaki, agency counsellor for international issues, told a lower house committee meeting that Soviet military strength in the Far East has climbed to 51 divisions with 460,000 troops, up from five divisions and 10,000 troops defense Agency estimates, in 1980.

He said that in the past year Soviet air power has also gone up from 2,060 to 2,210 warplanes, with additions to its force of MiG-23, MiG-27 and SU-24 (fencer) fighters and the TU-26 (backfire) bomber.

Okazaki, whose agency in the past has stressed that the Soviet buildup in the Far East is a threat to Japan, said this increase in ultra-modern warplanes is more than necessary to counter China's outdated air force. He also said the Soviets now have 800 warships totaling 1.58 million tons in its Pacific fleet, up from 785 ships and 1.32 tons last year.

Thirty percent of the Soviet Union's tactical nuclear weapons are now deployed in the Far East, with a rise in the number of Moscow's latest mobile ICBM, the SS7-2, Okazaki said. He said the buildup in land forces is centered along the Soviet border with China, but he added air and sea strength had been directing toward its Pacific coastline facing Japan.

U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said in Washington Tuesday night that "it would be dangerously naive" to expect the Soviet Union to refrain from exploiting its military capability more fully "if it once achieves clear military superiority."

Weinberger challenged any idea that the Soviet military buildup over the past 15 years is defensive in nature.

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Coalition seems split over Brigades' plea

ROME, July 15 (AP) — As the lives of three kidnap victims hang in the balance, Italy's government coalition appears split over whether to give Red Brigades terrorists the publicity they want.

The opposition Communists have already accused the government of yielding to terrorist blackmail. They criticized the Socialists, the second-largest group in the five-party coalition, for printing two documents in their party newspaper on Tuesday that had been received from the Marxist Red Brigades.

"The irresponsible conduct of forces within the government majority endangers the country's resistance to terrorist attacks," Communist member of parliament Luciano Ciolante said. Eight days ago the Red Brigades murdered a chemical company executive, 47 days after they abducted him. One of their main demands in exchange for the remaining three hostages is an end to what is effectively a news blackout on terrorist propaganda statements.

The Socialists effectively broke the blackout by printing the documents in their paper *Avanti!*. The publication came a day after Interior Minister Virginio Rognoni pledged that the government won't barter with the terrorists.

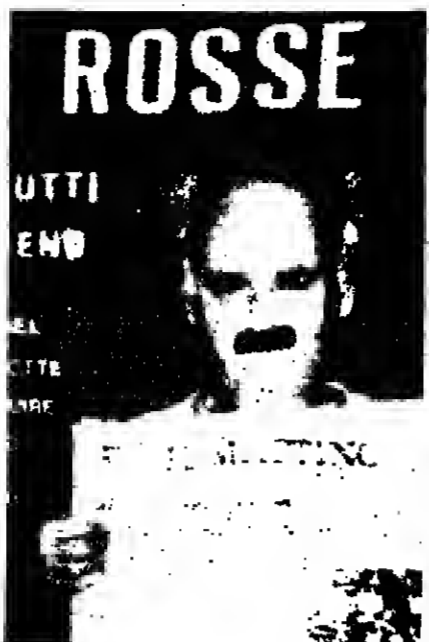
"No negotiations are tolerable that would

place the terrorists on the level of interlocutors and judges of the democratic system," Rognoni, a member of the dominant Christian Democrat Party, told parliament Monday.

The Red Brigades are currently holding hostage Ciro Cirillo, a Christian Democrat politician from the Naples area kidnapped April 27, Renzo Sandrucci, an executive of the Alfa Romeo automobile company grabbed June 3, and Roberto Pezi, the brother of a jailed terrorist who is now helping police track down and capture his former comrades. He was abducted June 10.

The Christian Democrats and Socialists have disagreed over whether to print Red Brigades documents before. In January, their partnership in the government was rocked when *Avanti!* printed terrorist statements after publication had been demanded to spare the life of Rome judge Giovanni D'Urso.

The Red Brigades freed D'Urso unharmed after 34 days in captivity. In addition to the Socialist paper, the leading Rome daily *Il Messaggero* and several smaller papers published the documents. The terrorists' statements generally consist of strongly worded criticisms of capitalist society and calls on the working class to revolt.



BRIGADES' MESSAGE: This picture was sent by the Red Brigades to the Naples daily, *Il Mattino*, and shows kidnapped Ciro Cirillo, a Christian Democrat leader, in front of a Red Brigades drape. The Red Brigades said in a message recently that Cirillo, kidnapped April 27, has been sentenced to death. The Brigades are holding two others in their "people's prisons."

Haig unfolds principles for arms talks

With Soviets

NEW YORK, July 15 (AFP) — Rejecting what he called "pious and simplistic solutions," Secretary of State Alexander Haig has announced six principles that will guide U.S. efforts to negotiate arms control with the Soviet Union. He said talks on theater nuclear weapons in Europe might start between mid-November and mid-December, but was far less precise on prospects for global Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) with Moscow.

Mr. Haig's declarations Tuesday came at a time when U.S. critics and commentators were accusing the White House of not having a well-defined foreign policy. Speaking before a foreign policy association in New York, he said President Ronald Reagan "shares the universal aspiration for a more secure, peaceful world, but he also shares the universal disappointment that the arms control process has delivered less than it promised."

The six principles for arms negotiations were:

1) "Our arms control efforts will be an instrument of, not a replacement for, a coherent allied security policy. This implied the need for efforts by U.S. allies to improve their defenses.

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2) "We will seek arms control agreements that truly enhance security ... by reinforcing deterrence. The vital task is to limit and reduce arms in a way that renders use of the remaining arms less likely."

3) "We will seek arms control hearing in mind the whole context of Soviet conduct worldwide.... Such linkage is not a creation of U.S. policy. It's a fact of life."

4) "We will seek balanced arms control agreements... Each agreement must be balanced in itself and contribute to an overall balance."

5) "We will seek arms control agreements that include effective means of verification and mechanisms for securing compliance." Haig charged that past arms control efforts have been blocked by the Soviet Union's unwillingness "to accept measures needed for more ambitious limitations."

6) "Our strategy must consider the totality

of the various arms control processes and various weapons systems, not only those being considered."

Haig, using Europe as an example, said the United States would have overall North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) defense strategy as it developed proposals for nuclear weapons control there.

He reiterated the U.S. rejection of the Soviet-proposed freeze on deployment of medium-range missiles in Europe, maintaining that Moscow had the advantage of "hundreds of SS-20s already deployed."

Haig said the six basic policy principles outlined in his speech Tuesday were aimed at controls on strategic weapons that would really reduce the risk of war. He stressed several times that Washington was serious and sincere in the effort for arms control, but this had been made more difficult by what he called the Soviet Union's massive reinforcement of conventional and strategic weapons and its behavior in the world.

CIA man quits over charges of improper stock dealings

WASHINGTON, July 15 (Agencies) — The chief spy master of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Max Hugel, has resigned over allegations by two former business associates that he had engaged in improper stock market practices. CIA Director William Casey, who appointed Hugel less than two months ago, accepted his resignation Tuesday and named John Stein, a career CIA employee, to replace him in the sensitive post of chief of CIA clandestine services.

Hugel, who had been in charge of U.S. intelligence agents abroad, said the allegations against him were "unfounded, unproven and untrue." But he said that although the allegations had nothing to do with his CIA job they had "become a burden I no longer believe is fair to impose on the administration."

The two former business associates quoted in *The Washington Post* had alleged that Hugel manipulated company stock for profit when he was manager of a New York electronics firm in the mid-1970s.

But Hugel said: "I have never made a penny of unlawful profit, nor have I done anything else to bring discredit upon my company, my family, myself, or the agency for which I so briefly worked."

Hugel, 56, worked for President Reagan's election last year and White House spokesman David Gergen said the president was saddened by the events which led to his resignation. Gergen said senior White House staff became aware last week of *The Washington Post's* investigations into Hugel's activities and had conferred with Casey in whom the president had every confidence.

He added that there was no proof of any of the allegations against Hugel. Even if the charges were true, he understood that the state of limitations had run out and Hugel could not be charged.

The *Post* had reported that two former stockbrokers, Thomas and Samuel McNell, had accused Hugel of giving them confidential information on the financial situation of the Brother International Corporation which he used to head. This information permitted them to anticipate movements on the exchange.

According to the *Post*, the McNell brothers ended up having to pay off several hundred thousand dollars in debts to Hugel. In an effort to expose Hugel, the McNells tried to turn the White House against him before going to the *Post*.

Titanic searchers find metal chunk

BOSTON, July 15 (AP) — A research vessel hunting for the *Titanic* has sent television cameras to the ocean floor to view "several hundred tons" of metal the crew hopes will be the sunken luxury liner, an associate reported.

Members of the crew working in the North Atlantic Ocean talked Tuesday by radio to Thurmao "Tex" Treadwell, assistant department chairman for marine operations at Texas A and M, which rents out the 170-foot vessel *Gyre* that is being used for the expedition.

A magnetometer, a device the crew is using to check for metal on the ocean floor, has located "a pretty good sized piece of metal which may be what they're looking for," Treadwell said in a telephone interview from Collece station, Texas.

"It's not a garbage can. It's undoubtedly a piece of ship," Treadwell said. The crew told him the chunk of metal weighed "several hundred tons," based on its size, he said. TV cameras will be sent about two miles below the surface of the ocean to survey the metal, he said. The crew probably would be able to determine if the metal object was the *Titanic*, he said.

But he added there were "no assurances" that the metal was the wreck of the liner that went down on its maiden voyage April 15, 1912, and took more than 1,500 persons to the bottom of the Atlantic.

Seoul general retires

SEOUL, July 15 (AFP) — Four-star army Gen. Roh Tae-Woo Wednesday resigned from his post as head of South Korean military intelligence and was taken off the active list — a move which observers said could herald his appointment to a cabinet post.

The 49-year-old general, who was awarded his fourth star only five days ago, was a classmate of South Korean President Chun Doo-Hwan at the Military Academy and has been closely associated with him since the December 1979 military coup which put the president in power following the assassination of President Park Chung-Hee.



ALLEGATIONS DENIED: Max Engel, who resigned from the CIA Tuesday, talks to reporters in Washington denying allegations of improper business practices.

"I am deeply disappointed that this newspaper (*The Washington Post*) has determined to lend its credit and dignity to the accusations of two men such as the McNell brothers," Hugel said, in an initial reaction to the report. A CIA spokesman said earlier that Hugel's past had been thoroughly investigated before he was named to his post.

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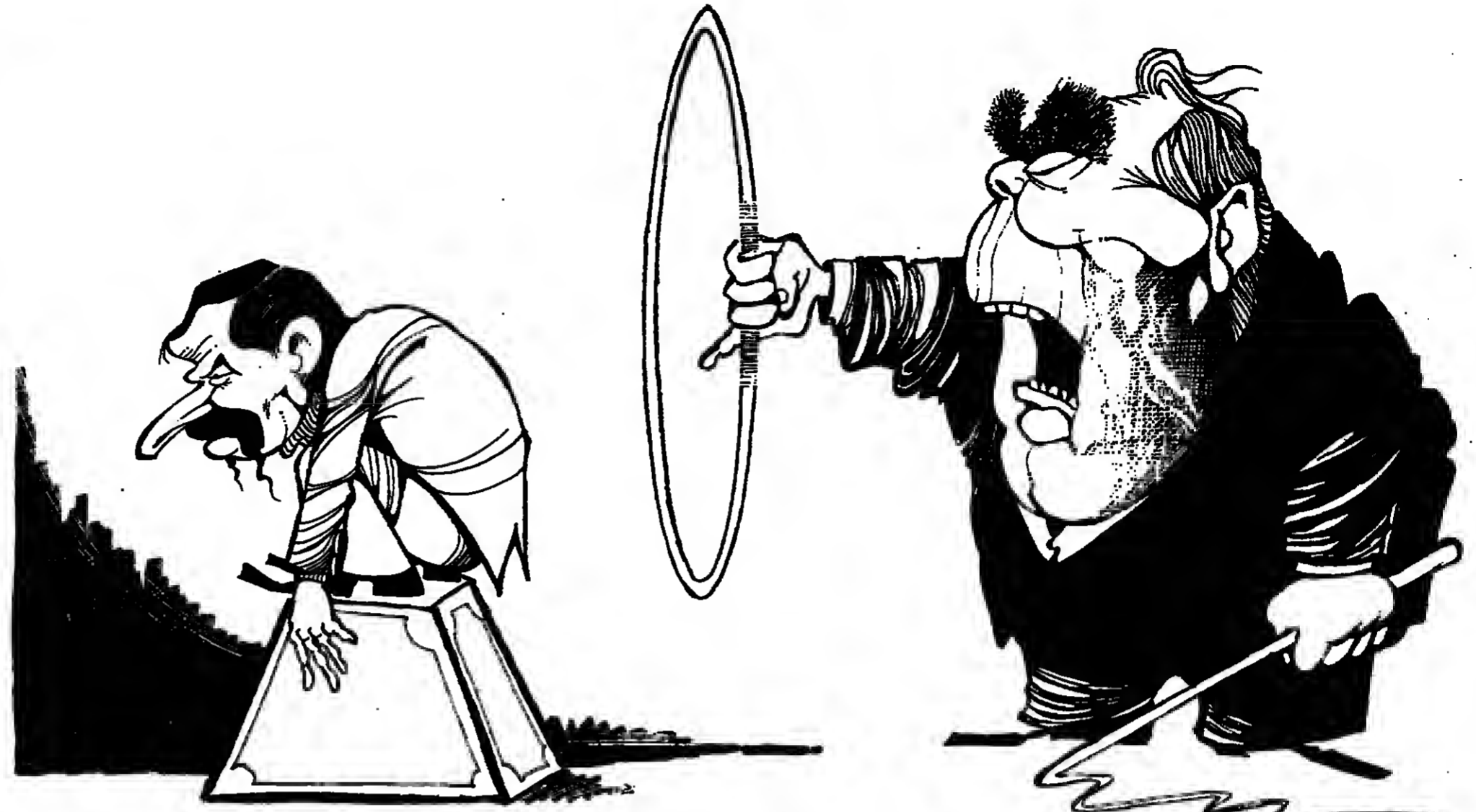
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Poland waiting for the third miracle

By George Theiner

LONDON — "The West is impotent. We Poles are only too well aware of that. We know that we are alone and can count only on ourselves." Despite this somber vision, Julian Strykowski, a distinguished Polish novelist who has just visited London, will not yield to defeatism.

"We believe in our future and we are optimistic", he said. "In Poland recently we have experienced two miracles — the election of the Polish Pope and the rise of Solidarity. Now we must hope for a third: that the Polish people will manage to revive the economy, that there will be peace and no Soviet invasion."

Strykowski was born in 1905 and was for years a devoted Communist. As the party was illegal in pre-war Poland, he spent a year in prison from 1935 to 1936. "I have to say," he remarks sardonically, "that I wasn't treated too badly. I was only beaten

up once. Prison conditions at that time were much better than later, under Communist rule."

He remained a convinced party member throughout the war, when he worked as a literary and theater critic on a Polish emigre paper in Moscow, and after his return to liberate Poland. "But of course when things got really tough, during the worst Stalinist period shortly after the war, I was working as a newspaper correspondent in Italy, so I didn't experience the hardest days of all for Poland."

His first book *Voices from the Dark*, written immediately after the war, did not get published in Poland for 10 years because of censorship. It was to obviate censorship that, in 1979, he wrote his latest work — *Wielki Strach* ("The Great Terror") for the unofficial literary series called *Zapis*, produced on a duplicator in defiance of police surveillance and harassment.

Wielki Strach, printed in London by Index on Censorship as *Zapis 14* in December 1980, deals

with a subject that has been taboo in Poland since the Communists came to power in 1946 — the part played by the Soviet Union in the partition of the country in 1939.

"It was impossible to give the manuscript to an official publishing house because I knew there wasn't the slightest hope of their accepting it. But I felt I had to write about this period of our history, and the book is to a large extent autobiographical, based on my flight, on foot, from Warsaw to Lwow after the German invasion in September 1939."

The novel has become a great success, especially with young readers eager to learn about a part of their country's history which is never mentioned in school. Not one word has been said about the book in the official Polish press. There has been only *grobowe milczenie*, the silence of the graveyard, as Strykowski puts it.

A silence that people like Strykowski and his unofficial publisher, Miroslaw Chojdecki of the Nowa press, have done so much to break.

Soviets refuse to budge on Afghanistan

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — There is something approaching a crisis in almost every one of the areas of greatest concern to the Russians. The Reagan administration has put in question the old, partly shared thinking on the military balance between East and West.

The Soviet Union's security is also affected by a turbulent Poland on its western border and to the east by a China that seems to be moving closer to an outspoken military alliance with the United States. To the south of the Soviet Union lies not only Afghanistan, which 100,000 Soviet troops cannot pacify, but a whole Islamic world in a mood of defiance against all outsiders.

The Soviet Union has reacted to these difficulties by redoubling its efforts to convince the world that solution lies in the policies that in broad outline have been on offer from Moscow for the past 10 years of detente. If the Reagan administration is unwilling to pay attention, other more willing listeners have been found, like ex-Chancellor Willy Brandt, who was given an exceptionally honored welcome in the Soviet capital recently.

The Soviet acceptance to receive British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington to discuss an "unrealistic" European formula for settling the affairs of Afghanistan has one important thing in common with the Brandt visit.

Talking to Brandt enabled Moscow to score points among the many West Europeans who are very anxious to negotiate on Euro-missiles. Talking to Carrington allowed Moscow to continue its claim that it prefers to talk about Afghanistan rather than fight there. In neither case is there any sign that the Soviet leaders are ready to alter basic positions to win agreement. There is no hint Moscow will accept anything less than international confirmation of the Babrak Karmal regime in Afghanistan.

An important Tass commentary recently made this clear by stressing that the political changes in Kabul are "irreversible."

As for the theater nuclear weapons in Europe, the curiously belated elucidation of President Brezhnev's offer of a mutual freeze on these weapons while talks begin — the Russians now say this means they would stop deploying SS-20s, while America could continue manufacturing Cruise missiles and Pershing IIs — does not meet the official British and American objections that an imbalance already exists. There is nothing odd about Moscow sticking to its guns. The odd thing would be if it didn't.

Soviet policy was carefully re-thought for Brezhnev's report to the Soviet Party congress last February, which gave guidelines for the five years to come. This repeated the essence of his reports to the two previous party congresses and assumed that, while Ronald Reagan's election might cause temporary difficulties, detente would prevail.

By detente the Russians now mean: strategic arms agreements, which among other things prevent America from extracting military advantage from its more advanced economy and technology, trade and technology transfer, but no ideological alliance with the West; and the continual strengthening of "real socialism" and its sympathizers throughout the world.

But the Reagan administration is not being tamed by the experience of power, as most Russian experts predicted. Hopes of a more accommodating China after Mao, which Moscow seemed to believe in, have come to nothing. Most of the world refuses to see Karmal's Afghanistan as blessed by history.

What sort of Soviet policy would answer these challenges? One can guess that it would be rougher and economically more inward-looking. A hint of the latter came at the recent meeting of Comsompremiers in Sofia. It is also debatable whether Brezhnev would be the man to pass such a policy, and whether it would answer Western interests any better than Moscow's present one.

EMBITTERED POLES

As Poland faces the uncertainties of the current congress of the ruling Communist Party, the mood of embitterment and disillusion shows no signs of abating. Obviously each and every one of the 1,964 delegates to the congress went into it with a heavy heart and troubled mind.

After 30 years of Communist rule, culminating in the present economic catastrophe, free speech has been attained. And what free speech tells is a very sobering story indeed — a story of mismanagement, inefficiency and sheer corruption in high places, the more bitter for the professed ideals the regime claims to uphold.

The demoralization of Poland's Communists has been so complete that over half a million of its younger members chose to leave the party this year. On the other hand, Solidarity, the free trade union movement, has 10 million members after less than one year of activity.

Worker strikes and agitation for better living conditions and more decent and responsive government have not ceased and will continue whatever the Communist congress might come up with. The government and ruling party have a great deal to live down before the country settles to the enormous task of economic reconstruction facing it.

The indications are that the Polish Communists will devote a great deal of time in their congress for self-criticism, and, indeed, heads have already started to roll (mercifully, still only metaphorically.) But the point which will not escape the Polish people is that much more is needed before the memories of 30 years of misrule are expunged.

Japan's defense stance angers U.S.

By Donald Kirk

TOKYO — Japan's leaders have shocked the Reagan administration by their adamant refusal to yield to American demands for a major increase in defense spending. The minister in charge of Japan's Defense Agency, Joji Omura, delivered the bad news to U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig recently in politely expressed understatements calculated somehow to appease American feeling while conceding nothing to the hardliners.

"The U.S. 'does not necessarily consider Japan's efforts to be sufficient,'" said Omura after telling Weinberger and Haig in Washington that Japan simply could not agree to increase its military budget by more than 7.5 percent despite U.S. demands for an increase of as much as 15 percent for the next fiscal year.

Privately, Japanese officials say they were "embarrassed" by the American requests and attribute their "presumptions" to the "naivete" of the relatively new Reagan administration. The differences between the U.S. and Japan emerged in stark clarity in the middle of last month during three days of security talks in Honolulu. "They surprised us by suggesting all kinds of things that we could not possibly do," said a senior Japanese official, adding that the Americans did not understand Japan's position. "We told them we were doing as much as we could militarily and could change our policy."

Japanese sources noted that the U.S. delegation

in Honolulu apparently had "overlooked" the timing of the meeting, held a week after the U.S. aircraft carrier *Midway* had arrived at the naval base in Yokosuka amid the largest anti-American demonstrations since the Vietnam war. One official said he hoped the demonstrations had not "persuaded Americans to think that most Japanese are against the U.S. military presence here" but added: "Under the circumstances Japan cannot consider any changes in policy."

Thus the demonstrations, touched off by a remark by former U.S. Ambassador Edwin O. Reischauer that U.S. ships had routinely carried nuclear weapons in and out of Japanese ports, appear to have had some impact even though they failed in their superficial objective of forcing the *Midway* and other large U.S. vessels not to use Japanese ports. The 64,000-ton vessel left Yokosuka, its home port, while Japanese Communist Party members on three small boats held aloft placards saying, "do not permit the re-entry of the nuclear aircraft carrier."

Japanese officials steadfastly denied that perhaps the entire episode had softened the government's general adherence to its three "non-nuclear principles" — that is, no manufacture, no possession and no introduction of nuclear weapons. Polls taken by Japan's two largest newspapers, *Yomiuri Shimbun* and *Asahi Shimbun* during the *Midway* stay have shown that approximately 40 percent of the Japanese people do not object to what commentators call a policy of "two-and-a-half non-nuclear principles" — with U.S. vessels permitted to come here carry-

ing nuclear weapons as long as they stayed on board the ships.

Japanese officials have difficulty understanding why the U.S. at this delicate stage insisted on pressing demands that would only upset public opinion here if fulfilled. "We would like the leaders in charge in Washington," said a senior official in the Japanese Foreign Ministry, "to have more understanding of the Japanese situation" — an unusually frank expression of opinion.

Japanese officials, for the benefit of the Japanese public as well as Americans, have pursued the traditional negotiating technique over the past two weeks of leaking stories to the large national newspapers enumerating the kind of "unreasonable" demands the Americans have presented.

In a typical report, *Asahi Shimbun* quoted "government sources" as having said that the U.S. delegation at the Honolulu talks had "called on Japan to have 12 fixed-wing anti-submarine patrol plane squadrons (125 P-3C aircraft), five anti-submarine surface ship escort group (70 surface ships and 20 submarines), 14 interceptor fighter squadrons, two early warning aircraft squadrons (16E-2C planes), and ammunition stock for three months."

The paper, clearly reflecting the government view, then said flatly: "The proposed reinforcements far exceed the levels of defense power called for by the 1976 guidelines on buildup and will require massive investment of about \$13 billion even after the hardware already is excluded." (ONS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Most newspapers Wednesday led with the Israeli air raid on South Lebanon. In one of the most barbaric attacks, Israel was reported to have deployed 26 warplanes in its air operations in different areas of South Lebanon. Meanwhile, *Al Riyadh* led with a report which the Ministry of Planning is to submit to King Khalid on the most significant achievements of the first year of the third five-year development plan.

In a front-page story, newspapers reported fierce fighting between the Iranian army and the Kurds. They also reported the arrival of Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) in Washington for talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Chatti was quoted as saying that, during his visit to London, he reminded British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington about the European promises regarding a solution to the Middle East crisis.

Al Medina gave front-page coverage to the Somali government's approval to introduce extensive changes in the economic system of the country. It also said that the World Bank has agreed to arrange for a \$800 million assistance to Somalia, half of which will be used to activate the role of the private sector and the other half to bring about a reform in the country's economic program. *Okaz* and *Al Riyadh* highlighted a statement by Alexander Haig in which he said that a decision to supply F-16 aircraft to Israel would be taken after State Department adviser Robert McFarlane returns

from the Middle East and submits report on his talks with the Israeli officials.

Commenting on the U.S. policy, *Al Riyadh* said that President Reagan is no longer capable of taking a final decision in regard to Israel. After ordering a ban on the supply of four aircraft to Israel in the wake of the latter's attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor, the paper said, the U.S. president today orders the supply of 18 aircraft to Israel. His action seems to indicate that he is rewarding Tel Aviv for its ignoble act and is giving the planes as a gift to begin after his election success, so he may continue his terrorist policy. President Reagan pursues such a policy because as he insists, Israel prohibits communist penetration and defends Washington's interests. He thinks that he should not be asked to adopt any other stance because the day he had stepped into the White House, he had declared his admiration for Israel and had also expressed his readiness to supply arms to Israel, the paper said.

Al Jazirah described the U.S. decision to lift ban on the supply of F-16 warplanes to Israel as "dangerous", and said that the American attitude calls for a deep thinking on the nature of relations that exist between the U.S. and Israel. Referring to the U.S.-Israeli statement on the latter's attack on the nuclear reactor in Iraq, the paper said that the elimination of "misunderstanding" between the two makes it clear that the U.S. agrees to the Israeli action. It urged the U.S. to explain to the American public opinion and to the world body the reason why it feels contented with the Israeli attack on

Iraq.

Al Nadwa described Washington's present stance as that of a party which takes part directly in aggression and annihilation campaigns through its warplanes. The paper felt convinced that the U.S. supplies arms and destructive weapons to Israel on the pretext that the latter uses them in self-defense. Under such conditions, the paper wondered as to how long the Arabs will continue to believe in the U.S. claims of striving for peace in the Middle East.

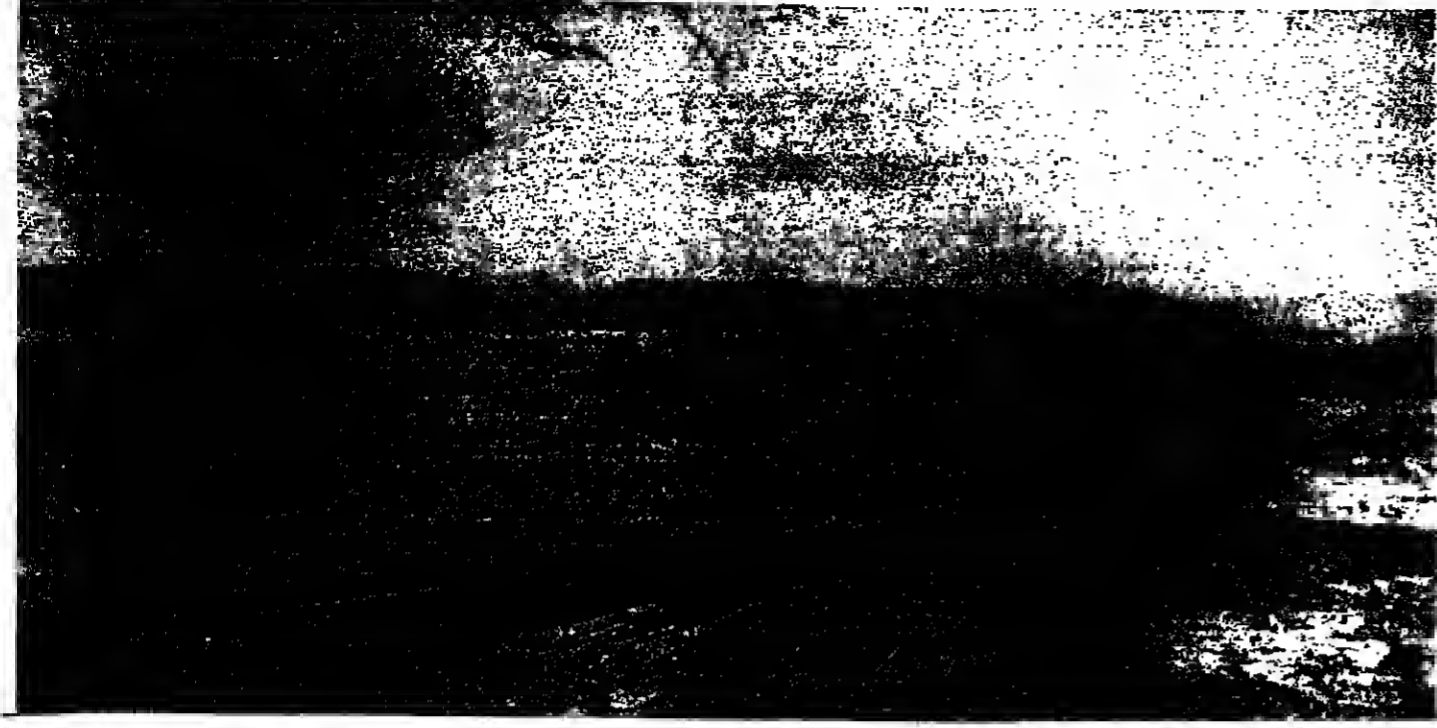
Okaz expressed surprise over the U.S. decision on the supply of F-16s to Israel. It called upon the U.S. to realize that Israel has never used the U.S.-supplied weapons for defensive purposes. The U.S. should, therefore, give thorough consideration to the matter in the light of the fact that the arms shipment to Israel would mean an encouragement to commit further aggressions against the Arab world, said the paper. It added that, if the U.S. did so, it would make Israel think according to its own size and not according to the size of the U.S. By doing so, the U.S. would also be able to win the friendship of the Arab world and make amends for its previous mistake, as a result of which thousands of Arab martyrs had fallen while confronting the Israeli aggressions, the paper added.

Dealing with the Lebanese situation, *Al Bihad* noted that, while Arab and international efforts are being exerted to end the Lebanese crisis, Israel is continuously strafing South Lebanon in an attempt to blast any move toward the realization of peace in that country.



Begins: "I've decided to grant you self-rule!"

Shortened, improved railroad planned from Riyadh to Dammam



DAMMAM YARD: Trains are currently switched in Dammam for their return to Riyadh. The new line will have two tracks to make such procedures easier.

By Thomas Thomson

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, (R) — Saudi Arabia is planning to rejuvenate its only railway, a single-track line from the capital, Riyadh, to the Gulf port of Dammam, and may build other railways to reduce pressure on its air and roads. The 350-mile (560-km) line looping through vast wastes of sand and scrub provides a lifeline to the cities. For the occasional visitor who forsakes air travel, it gives seven hours of breathtaking views of the desert.

Dammam to Riyadh. But as road and air travel became more fashionable it went into decline.

But now, the Ministry of Transportation plans to convert the single track into double track and to build a more direct link between Riyadh and Hofuf, shortening the route by about 60 miles (100 km).

Journey time would be cut to about four hours from the present seven as trains on the upgraded track would cruise at up to 90 miles an hour (150 kph).

Under the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan which began last year, about \$1.5 billion has been allocated for railway development. The most important element is to increase freight capacity of the railway. In 1979, for example, freight totaled 1.4 million tons and the Third Five-Year Plan projects this will rise to about seven million tons by 1985.

At the end of the Second Plan, the railroad organization had 19 locomotives, nearly 60 passenger coaches and about 1,500 freight wagons.

The Third Plan aims to increase this by 36 engines, 1400 freight wagons and 20 passenger coaches. A new signaling system is also due to be introduced.

Railway officials said the revitalization of the Riyadh-Dammam route could be just the first stage in a new railway era in Saudi Arabia. In the distant future, a new line might be built from Jeddah on the Red Sea coast to Makkah to carry the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who flock to the holy city each year. A line is being considered between the new industrial city of Yanbu on the Gulf coast and Dammam. Lines to neighboring Iraq and the United Arab Emirates are also possible, the officials said.

Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri also said earlier this year that a revival of the 800 miles (1,300 km) Hijaz railway was an excellent long-term proposition. The line, destroyed in the World War I during the Arab revolt, was built by the Turkish Ottoman rulers in the 1900s and runs from Damascus across Jordan to Medina in Saudi Arabia.



HEJAZ RAILWAY: This line was destroyed many years ago, it could be revitalized under future plans.

New machine-readable passports issued

By Nicholas D. Kristof

WASHINGTON, (WP) — International travelers may be in for a small surprise when it's time to renew their passports. New passports issued in Washington are machine-readable, the first step of an effort to standardize passports all over the world.

The passports, which have been issued since February, look the same as the old ones, except that the number on the front is not punched out and the photograph is not embossed. Also, on the bottom of the page with the photo are two new lines with the bearer's name and date of birth, printed so that they can be read by an optical scanner, as well as a customs official.

The only passport scanner operating now is in the Passport Agency in Washington, to make sure that the newly issued documents have been printed correctly. But eventually, all U.S. and West European passports will be machine-readable and scanners will be installed in airports and other points of entry, said

Norbert Krieg, head of the Federal Passport Office.

The International Civil Aviation Organization has studied standardized passports since 1968, and in 1980 it recommended uniform specifications for them. The United States is the first country to issue the machine-readable passports, but all common market countries have agreed to use them by 1985.

Heathrow Airport near London will install scanners next February on a trial basis, although no machine-readable passports will be issued in Britain until at least next year, Krieg said. West Germany also will issue the new passports and install readers next year, he said.

Scanners will not make their debut in the United States for several years, said John Keefe, deputy assistant commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which is responsible for installing the machines. Although the technology exists, a high-quality scanner still must be developed and marketed, he said.

Border crossing cards, used on the Mexican and Canadian borders, have been machine-readable for almost a year, and the "Green Cards" required of aliens have been for two years, Keefe said. But scanning equipment will not be installed at the borders for several more years, he said.

Even though some countries will not institute the new passports for some time, scanners will be used for their visitors to this country, because the United States will be issuing them machine-readable visas.

Krieg said the new passports are cheaper to produce than the old ones, because they are made by a computer process that uses less labor. One reason the government turned to the new passports was that the equipment to produce passports was wearing out and a new system was needed, he said.

The new passports are being developed under a \$14.8 million contract, Krieg said. They may be issued in Chicago and Los Angeles later this year, and across the country in three or four years, he said.

It's easy to prepare delicate recipes using Jeddah supermarket ingredients

By Kathy Land

JEDDAH, — Jan Jackson would probably agree with the old saying that what you lose on the swings you make up for on the serve. Jan first came to Jeddah in what expatriates refer nostalgically to as "the good old days". There weren't so many modern conveniences, there was plenty of atmosphere. Today the opposite exists: the old flavor of the Orient is disappearing but modern amenities abound.

The "good old days" for Jan were almost 15 years ago when she accompanied her geologist husband, Roy, on a two-year contract that stretched into ten. Jeddah was "fun, charming" in those days says Jan, with "the old flavor of the Middle East. I recall the old covered rug souk which was fascinating."

When she first arrived in 1967 there wasn't even a paved road to the U.S. Embassy, the location of which was "definitely out of town". Now the U.S.G.S. compound where she lives is right opposite the American Embassy in the heart of an ever-expanding city.

Roy Jackson has an even longer association with the Kingdom. His first contract was way back in the mid-forties. He returned in 1950 with a Dr. Brown to map the country, both geographically and geologically, in association with Aramco. His next stint was the period from 1967 to 1977. Then he and Jan returned to their home in Wimbledon, Texas, only to sign up again for another stint in the Kingdom which started in December last year.

"In the two years we were here I saw amazing changes," said Jan, "and in the three years we were away still more amazing changes. Now there's practically nothing you can't get." Jan recalls that everyone used to buy their fruit and vegetables at Leb Joe's,

which was located in Medina Road, a mere fraction of the size it is today. Now there are any number of ultra-modern supermarkets stocking a wide range of food items, including luxuries such as avocados. In those early days Jan had to rely on friends coming from other places to bring in such delicacies. Today they are commonplace.

She was so fond of avocados that she tried to grow her own avocado tree. "We were living in a compound across from where Redec Plaza is now," recalls Jan, "and I started an avocado tree from a seed, something which is not so difficult to do. We later moved to a place near where the Kaki Center is now and we transplanted the tree in the garden of our new home. It's still growing today and is about four meters tall."

One of the reasons Jan was always keen to have a supply of avocados was to make one of her favorite dips — cum-salad recipes, guacamole, one of those simple to make dishes that always taste delicious. Guacamole is actually a Latin American speciality, but with the cross-cultural influences that have shaped American cuisine it's something that has become just as popular north of the border as south down Mexico way.

One of the things Jan likes about her recipe for guacamole is that "you can use just about any seasoning you want with it." If you have no lemon juice handy, you can use vinegar; take your pick of hotting it up with Worcestershire sauce, or tabasco, or red pepper; add tomato if you like, or leave it out; if you don't want to put in a whole onion, try seasoning with onion juice; but most importantly, don't overdo the mayonnaise, otherwise the taste of the avocado will be lost. Use the guacamole either as a dip, or spoon it onto leaves of lettuce to make a delicious salad. Jan has also included one of her favorite

luncheon, or entree, recipes, savoury crepes, which can be served with a variety of tasty fillings.

GUACAMOLE (for about 8 people)
Ingredients: 4 to 5 avocados; lemon juice; 2 tablespoons mayonnaise; 1 onion; tabasco, Worcestershire sauce, or dash red pepper; 4 large cloves garlic (or to taste); salt to taste.
Method: Scoop flesh out of avocados and squeeze with lemon juice to stop turning brown. Add mayonnaise. Chop onion finely (or squeeze juice from onion) and add. Mix in salt, tabasco (or other choice) and garlic. If adding tomatoes chop and peel them.

CREPES (recipe makes 16 to 18 crepes)
Ingredients: 3 eggs, 1 cup flour, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/4 teaspoon salt, melted butter or vegetable oil.

Method: Combine eggs, flour, milk and salt. Beat until smooth (a blender or electric mixer is fine). Let stand for one hour at room temperature.

Heat 7-inch crepe pan or a small skillet with sloping sides over medium high heat. Brush pan lightly with butter or oil. Pour in two or three tablespoons of batter. tilt quickly and turn the pan so the batter will completely cover the bottom. Cook for about one minute until the top is dry and the bottom is lightly browned. Turn over and cook on the other side for about 30 seconds, until browned. Slide the crepe out of the pan onto waxed paper.

Repeat the process, stacking between layers of waxed paper. Stuff the crepes by laying them flat and making a line of the filling down the center. Roll crepe and place in a casserole dish or on plate. The finished crepes can be frozen or used right away. Heat before serving.

A variety of fillings can be used in crepes: e.g. prawns, beef or cooked diced chicken in a cream and mushroom sauce.

A cure for Foot-and-Mouth Vaccine could increase meat production

By Philip J. Ellis

WASHINGTON, (WP) — The worldwide elimination of all types of the costly Foot-and-Mouth Disease that is fatal to many meat-producing animals such as cattle, and sheep "is our goal and what we expect to do," a biochemist who helped develop a new gene-engineered vaccine for it said.

Dr. Howard L. Barchach, the leader of the U.S. Agriculture Department team that developed the new vaccine through genetic engineering, explained that it is one of the first such vaccines to be successfully applied to any human or animal disease. A safe and more effective vaccine than presently existing ones, it also is a significant step toward eradicating a disease that afflicts about 30 species of animals in scores of countries.

This success is expected to be the opening

go in the race to produce a large number of new viruses for both human and animal diseases, including hepatitis and rabies, which can be made by the same method.

Barchach proved six years ago that such a new and more useful vaccine could be made. With the product now in hand the Agriculture Department maintains that the vaccine could save billions of dollars annually in world agriculture and substantially increase the world's meat production.

The Agriculture Department has done research on the disease for 28 years but only when recombinant DNA technology was invented did this kind of sudden, large advance become possible.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease is a severe and highly contagious disease that affects cloven-footed animals. When infected with the tiny virus that causes foot-and-mouth, the animals quickly develop blisters inside their

mouths, on their noses, and around the top of their hoofs. Though less than 5 percent of the afflicted animals die, most affected become thin, weak and unable to produce milk or good-quality meat. There is no Foot-and-Mouth Disease in North America and the United States refuses to import meat from countries where it exists.

Vaccines already exist for the disease, but they are expensive, delicate and dangerous, said Dr. Jerry Callis, director of the Plum Island Research Center where the new vaccine was successfully tested. The standard vaccines must be constantly refrigerated — not a small matter in underdeveloped countries. The vaccine itself is also volatile enough to be a major source of the disease if it's trying to prevent.

Killed Foot-and-Mouth viruses are used to make the vaccines and sometimes they escape from the laboratory making them.

SALT: Very important, taken for granted

By Naem A. Toosy

Very few people, if indeed any, look into a salt-shaker during their meals and perceive a mineral made of highly explosive element (Sodium) and of an extremely lethal gas that combine together to form a compound which helps in the production of strong acids in the body. Instead, most see a crystalline white substance that is a seasoning reagent: SALT.

Salt influences every part of human existence. In the body it assists in muscle contraction, heartbeat, nerve impulses, digestion of protein and in the regulation of nutrition in and out of cells. It is so important that an inherent "salt-control system" in the body insures that at all times adequate amounts of salt are present in the body. Without salt, convulsions, paralysis and death would occur. Even hunger-striking in the H-block in Northern Ireland drink a saline solution through the duration of their hunger strike.

Salt is important culturally, historically as well as linguistically. Many idioms of the English language originated from the humble shaker. Among them are: To be worth one's salt (deserving wages); with a grain of salt (with skepticism); to salt away (to keep in reserve); and an old salt (an experienced seafarer).

Historically salt helped Timbuktu become a "Gold City" of its time because Moorish traders traded Gold ounces for salt. Rome's major highway was called Via Salaria (salt way) and the soldiers who were paid to protect the shipments of salt were paid Salarium (salary). Salzburg, the beautiful Austrian city, is so named because of all the salt mines in the surrounding Alps. Twentieth century Ethiopia still uses salt in its treasury. Long ago, salt was also used to manipulate people. The French salt tax

"Gabelle" was a factor in beginning the French Revolution. Salt starvation also decimated Napoleon's retreating troops and lowered resistance to disease.

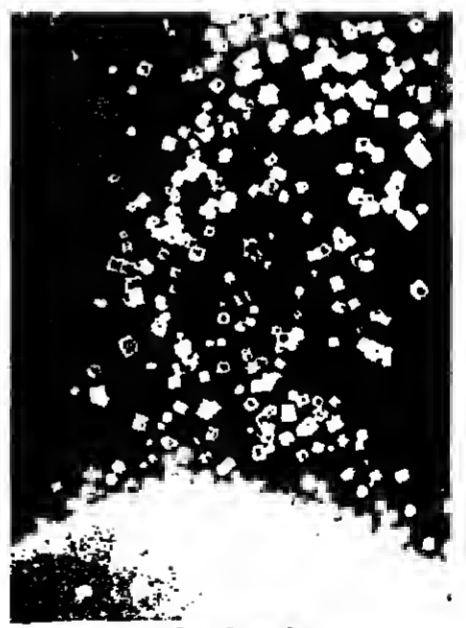
Salt has also affected many cultures. Bedouins traditionally did not attack or harm people whose salt they had eaten. In Slavic lands bread and salt are sometimes given as a welcoming sign signalling life, long health and prosperity to the bride and groom. Even the famed painter Leonardo Da Vinci used spilled salt as a prophecy in his painting "The Last Supper."

In the oceans of the world there is enough salt to cover the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia four miles deep. Only a small fraction of this

is mined every year and only about 5 percent of the mined or desalinated salt ends up as seasoning, one of the 14,000 uses for salt. Salt is used in garages, textiles, rocket fuel, cosmetics, plants, pharmaceuticals, photography, dyes, ceramics, batteries, adhesives and explosives. Salt is more directly involved in pickling; the packing of meat, canning of vegetables, curing leather, making glass, bread, butter, cheese, rubber and wood pulp.

Saturated saline solutions freezing point of -21 °C ensures its use as a refrigerant, freezer of ice-cream and melter of snow on roads. Environmentalists claim that this is dangerous for roadside vegetation. The biggest example of the use of salt as a killer is the Dead Sea, void of life because of excessive salinity. After destroying Carthage the Romans razed it with salt in the hope that the city would never flourish again. In its "killer-capacity" salt is also used to herbicides and insecticides, although it can also be used in fertilizers. Another important role of salt in preventing death is ironically acting as a graveyard: for nuclear waste. When used as Salt Beds, it is able to withstand earthquakes, temperatures up to 800 °C as well as moisture.

One of the methods of extracting salt is by mining. Another is evaporation with the use of heat provided by the sun. Sea water contains 25 grams of salt per liter of mixture. This process is regulated carefully. At a certain point gypsum precipitates out and the brine has to be changed to a different evaporation pond. If the brine is left too long then bitter compounds of potassium and magnesium precipitate out to mix with the salt. Saudi Arabia's desalination plant helps in the acquisition of salt as well as in the generation of electricity and purification of water. This triple function helps everybody.



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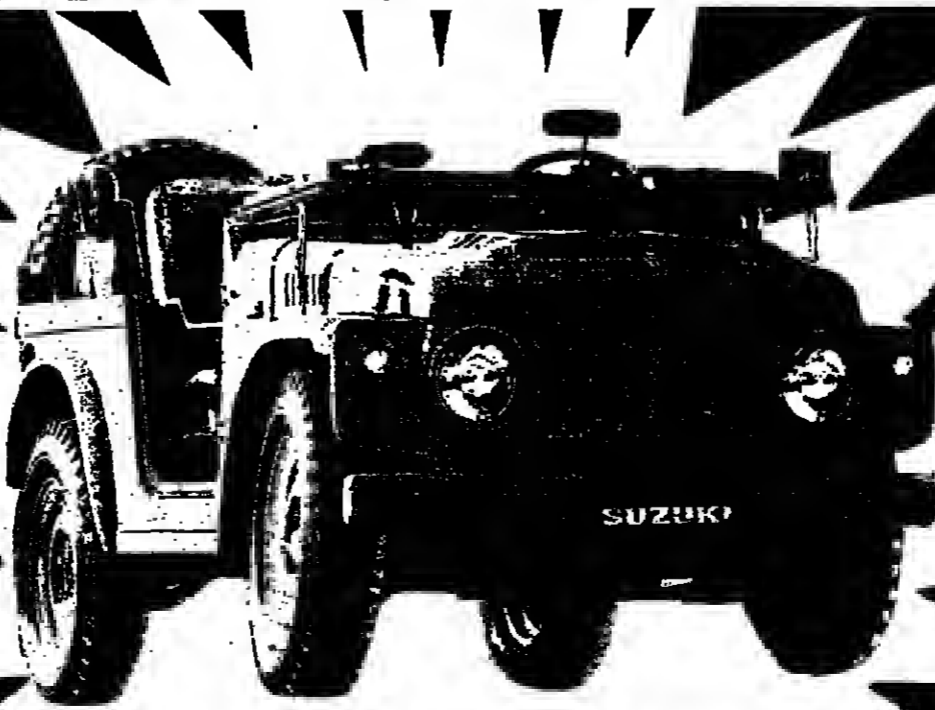
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On a day of fine performance

Ovett fails to better 1-mile mark

LAUSANNE, July 15 (AFP) — Steve Ovett displayed all his class and talent before 12,000 athletics fans here Tuesday night, but fell narrowly short of giving them what they had come to see — a new world one-mile record.

The 25-year-old from Brighton was a comfortable winner in a star-studded field, but his time of 3:49.67 was 0.06 secs outside the

world record mark he set in Oslo last year.

Ovett blamed his failure on having to run three top races in one week, but his cause was not helped by an over-ambitious first lap.

The Olympic 800 meters champion's friend and compatriot Bob Bevan set off like his life depended on it covering the first 440 yards in 53.71 (against 55.0 for the world record) and passing 880 yards in 1:51.06

(against 1:53.8).

West German Thomas Wessinghage, who has the second best time ever over 1,500 meters took over the pace, but he, like the rest of the field, found they had done too much too soon and gradually all hopes of a new world mark vanished.

Ovett was followed home by the up-coming Jose Luis Gonzales of Spain in 3:50.87 and Pierre Deleze of Switzerland in 3:51.77. Wessinghage finished back in seventh position with former Olympic 1,500 meters champion John Walker in fourth.

The margin between sheer athletic excellence and record breaking was even smaller for American 400 meters hurdler Ed Moses. He won in 47.14 secs and that was a mere 0.01 secs outside of the world record mark he set in Milan last year and the second fastest time ever run over the distance.

Moses later said he had known the Lausanne track was fast, "but not as fast as that". Had he realized he was so close to the world record, he could have pushed himself harder.

Moses and Ovett apart, there were fine performances from Kenyan Mike Bolt who ran 1:44.59 for the second fastest 800 meters of the year behind Sebastian Coe's world record of 1:41.72.

At a glance

5,000 M: 1. David Moorcroft (Britain) 13:20.51, 2. Fernando Mamede (Portugal) 13:21.73, 3. Matt Ceotrowitz (U.S.) 13:22.72.

MILE: 1. Steve Ovett (Britain) 3:49.66, 2. Jose-Luis Gonzales (Spain) 3:50.87, 3. Pierre Depeze (Switzerland) 3:51.77.

POLE VAULT: 1. Thierry Vigneron (France) 5M60, 2. Jean-Michel Bellot (France) 5M60, 3. Wladyslaw Kozakiewicz (Poland) 5M55.

400 M HURDLES: 1. Edwin Moses (U.S.) 0:47.14, 2. Burt Williams (U.S.) 0:48.81, 3. David Lee (U.S.) 0:49.18.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Dietmar Moegenburg (W. Germany) 2M30, 2. Tyke Peacock (U.S.) 2M28, 3. Gerd Nagel (W. Germany) 2M22.

3,000 METER STEEPLE: 1. Ken Martin (U.S.) 8:27.92, 2. Solomon Chebor (Kenya)

8:29.88, 3. Harrison Koroso (Kenya) 8:29.88.

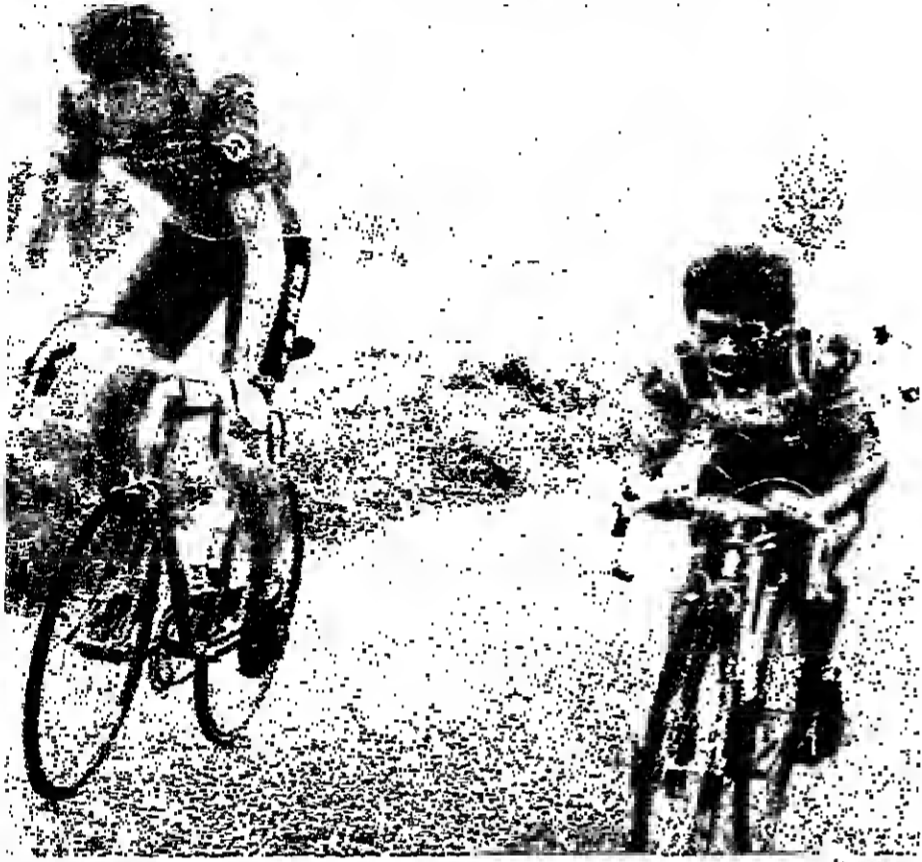
200 M: 1. Dwayne Evans (U.S.) 0:20.50, 2. Istvan Nagy (Hungary) 0:20.80, 3. Ferenc Kiss (Hungary) 0:20.85.

800 M: 1. Mike Bolt (Kenya) 1:44.59, 2. Joel Geitch (Kenya) 1:45.47, 3. Mark Emyerat (U.S.) 1:45.79.

LONG JUMP: 1. Willy Banks (U.S.) 8M11, 2. Rolf Bernhard (Switzerland) 7M95, 3. Joachim Busse (W. Germany) 7M76.

WOMEN 1,500 M: 1. Cornelia Buerki (Switzerland) 4:09.65, 2. Lean Warren (U.S.) 4:10.58, 3. Wendy Smith (Britain) 4:10.77.

200 M: 1. Benita Fitzgerald (U.S.) 0:23.22, 2. Iabalya Petrika (Hungary) 0:23.24, 3. Emma Sulter (France) 0:23.69.



LONG AND SHOT OF IT: Holland's Johan Van de Velde, a six-footer, towers above Vincente Bekda of Spain, at five feet one inch, the smallest main in the Tour de France Cycling race.

Dutchman wins 19th stage

L'ALPE-D'HUEZ, France, July 15 (R) — Dutchman Peter Winnen Tuesday won the 19th stage of the Tour de France Cycle Race, finishing the strenuous mountain climb just six seconds ahead of Frenchman Bernard Hinault who retained a comfortable overall lead.

Veteran Lucien Van Impe of Belgium, a renowned climber, was third with Robert Alban of France, winner of the previous stage, 12 seconds behind Winnen in fourth place.

The riders face another mountain ordeal Wednesday from L'Alpe-D'Huez to Le Pleyret Les Sept-Laux, a 134-kilometer (83.2-mile) stretch which includes four major

climbs including one at the finish to 1,445 meters.

French hero Bernard Hinault, who came second, put himself in a yet stronger position for a storming overall win. He fought hard at the end of this gruelling Alpine stage between Morzine and L'Alpe D'Huez to take a new overall lead of 9 minutes 39 seconds — a two minutes advance on his lead at the end of the 18th.

He was assisted in part by the downfall of young Australian Philip Anderson, who started the stage second overall, seven minutes 39 seconds behind Hinault but finished a dismal 44th and sank to 19th in the overall standings.

Eddie Mustafa confident of beating Michael

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, July 15 (Agencies) — Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, the World Boxing Association light-heavyweight champion, and Michael Spinks, who challenges for his title on Saturday, claim to be friends, a fact that failed to emerge at a press conference here.

The two Americans belittled each other's abilities during the gathering Monday to publicize their title match at the Imperial Palace Hotel. "I'm not worried about winning this fight," Muhammad said. "Nothing he does concerns me. I don't worry about him at all." Spinks, an Olympic gold medalist at the 1976 Montreal Games, then had his turn at the microphone. "This is the biggest fight of my career, but he's not the toughest opponent I've ever faced," said Spinks, a brother of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks.

"I spar with guys who hit harder than he does," mocked the challenger. The champion retorted: "I just be'll have to find out the hard way just how hard I can punch." Muhammad has won 37 of his 43 professional fights. Spinks is unbeaten in 16 bouts.

Meanwhile, Jose Sulaiman, president of the World Boxing Council, said Tuesday that promoters of the Sept. 16 welterweight fight between champions Sugar Ray Leonard and Thomas Hearns had yet to apply for WBC sanction.

Sulaiman denied a published report that WBC is demanding \$575,000 to give title recognition to the bout between Leonard, the WBC champion, and Hearns, the World Boxing Association title holder.

The report, which appeared in a recent issue of *Sports Illustrated*, was labeled by Sulaiman as "absolutely incorrect." "The figures are incorrect," he said, adding "we're waiting to be approached by the promoters." "Sugar Ray Leonard is a pride of the WBC," Sulaiman said, and "we will not be an obstacle" to his showdown with Hearns.

The contract for the bout in Las Vegas, Nevada, makes no mention of it being a title fight, but the publicity announcement by the promoter billed the stakes as the "Undisputed world welterweight championship."



LEADS THE PACK: Steve Scott (52) leads the pack during the ICI Dulux Dream Mile during the Oslo Games at Bislett Stadium Saturday. Scott is followed by Steve Ovett (8), John Walker (110), Steve Cram (9) and Jose Luis Gonzales (197).

Fresh talks set

U.S. aide steps in to end baseball row

WASHINGTON, July 15 (AP) — U.S. Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan is intervening in the baseball strike to an effort to end the 33-day-old walkout, federal mediator Kenneth Moffett said Tuesday.

After a meeting at the labor department, Moffett said Donovan will accompany him to New York for negotiations scheduled to resume Wednesday between representatives of the baseball players and the club owners.

In a telephone interview, Moffett said, "I think it's of enough importance that be join in with me" in efforts to settle the strike, which has forced cancellation of 392 games and the All-Star game, which was scheduled to take place in Cleveland Tuesday night.

"I've been in touch with both sides" in the stalemated negotiations and "I've been talking with the secretary of labor," said Moffett, whose compromise proposal on free agent compensation issue was rejected last weekend by the player relations committee, the bargaining agent of the owners.

Moffett is acting head of the federal mediation conciliation service, an independent

agency. Donovan's participation in Tuesday negotiations will represent the first direct involvement by the Reagan administration.

Both Moffett and Earl Cox, a top aide to Donovan, confirmed that if the new round of talks fails to produce a settlement, Donovan will summon representatives of both sides to Washington for intensive bargaining that would be accompanied by a news blackout.

The Wednesday meeting will be the first since bargaining broke off angrily on Saturday. At that time, management negotiations sent word through Moffett to the players association that, unless the union had a new proposal, they did not wish to meet.

But Marvin Miller, executive director of the union, said Tuesday the players had no new ideas. "We are constantly reviewing our position, but no, we haven't come up with anything new," Miller said.

The union had accepted Moffett's compromise proposal for ending the strike Saturday but management rejected the plan and talks broke off in a bitter atmosphere.

Meanwhile, George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees, spoke with commissioner Bowie Kuhn Tuesday, hoping to generate some interest in a plan he has drawn up which he believes can end the strike. Details of the plan were unavailable.

Kuhn acknowledged his conversation with Steinbrenner, who first discussed the plan last week with Lee Macphail, president of the American League and a member of the Player Relations Committee. The PRC is the bargaining arm of the owners.

"I have talked with George about an approach (to end the strike) and it has not been turned down," Kuhn said. "The matter is open."

A spokesman for Kuhn said the commissioner has functioned throughout the strike as an intermediary, funneling ideas from all sources to the PRC and that he had done that with Steinbrenner's plan.

Steinbrenner had predicted a settlement this week. He said of his plan: "I will urge, push, cajole and suggest whatever it will take to speed up the negotiations toward a fair and equitable solution."

Notts register 10-wkt. win over Worcester

LONDON, July 15 (AP) — Nottinghamshire stepped up its bid for the English County Cricket Championship with a decisive 10-wicket victory over Worcestershire at Trent Bridge Tuesday.

Nottinghamshire won with nearly three hours to spare after Worcestershire, resuming at 108 for four, could manage only 282 in its second innings.

Worcestershire's best chance of survival binged on experienced and stylish Pakistani batsman Younis Ahmed, but Younis was caught on the boundary by New Zealander Richard Hadlee off the bowling of South African Clive Rice for 80 and from that point the result was almost a foregone conclusion.

Nottinghamshire was left to score 13 runs for victory and Paul Todd and Tim Robinson reached that figure without mishap.

Sussex boosted its championship hopes by scoring a six-wicket victory over fellow title chaser Somerset at Taunton.

Giant South African pace bowler Garth Le Roux took a career best eight for 107 as Sussex dismissed Somerset for 367 and Paul Parker contributed 105 as Sussex reached the 242 victory target with six wickets to spare.

Surrey, one of the favorites for the championship, had to settle for a draw against Warwickshire at the Oval despite a fighting 110 not out from New Zealander Geoff Howarth.

Summaries: At Trent Bridge: Worcester-shire 132 and 282 (Younis Ahmed 80). Nottinghamshire 402 and 13 for no wicket. Nottinghamshire 367 and 367 (Brian Rose 82, Ian Botham 72, Garth Le Roux 8-107). Sussex 233 and 242-4 (Paul Parker 105). Sussex won by six wickets.

At the Oval: Surrey 300-4 dec. and 264-9 dec. (Geoff Howarth 110 no. Gladstone Small 6-76). Warwickshire 300-5 dec. and 104-6 match draw.

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Portes makes exit

Alexander shocks seeded Solomon

BROOKLINE, Massachusetts, July 15 (AP) — Australian John Alexander, absent from the pro tennis scene for almost a full year, scored a dramatic 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 upset win over second-seeded Harold Solomon of the United States, in the \$175,000 U.S. Pro Tennis Championships Tuesday night.

In a classic confrontation between a baseliner and a volleyer, Alexander lost a second-set match point opportunity and a crowd-pleasing tiebreaker series to the 29-year-old Solomon. However, Alexander gained the first and final sets with an arsenal of ground strokes.

His thunderous serves and excellent strokes from both the baseline and at net earned him an inspired open-set victory. The 30-year-old, who is currently ranked 26th in the world after an ailing back kept him out of action, scored breaks in the fifth and seventh games. He anchored at the baseline with deep shots followed by winning net volleys.

Solomon countered the strategy with rocketing passing shots as the two players battled even through the second set to a tiebreaker sequence. Alexander produced a match point opportunity with a pair of unreturnable serves for 6-5 points. However, Solomon captured the tiebreaker with a pair of passing shots and a concluding cross-court backhand winner to send the 2 1/2 hour match into the third set.

The tall Australian, who resides in Atlanta, Georgia, allowed Solomon just the sixth game as he blasted through the concluding set to gain entry into the tournament's second round.

Earlier, George Hardie of Los Angeles upset 11th-seed Pascal Portes of Boulogne, France, 6-1, 6-3, while Italy's Corrado Barazzutti, seeded ninth, overcame an early

threat from Erik Van Dillen of the United States, 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, in opening round matches.

The 28-year-old Hardie allowed Portes to hold service just once in their match as he rocketed returns of service and baseline blasts beyond the 23-year-old Frenchman. "I just kept moving him around," the unseeded Hardie later explained.

"Portes was having trouble with his first serve and I knew he was losing confidence as the match went on. I've been in that spot myself," he said. "I was just coming in on the short balls and trying to keep him away from the net."

Barazzutti had a more difficult time in his battle with the unseeded Van Dillen. Serving for the opening set 5-4, Barazzutti felt victim to the Californian's rapid-fire service returns and was forced to tiebreaker.

Again Barazzutti gained an early lead, 3-0 points, before Van Dillen countered with a successful 7-2 rush to capture the opening set.

The Italian allowed Van Dillen to hold only the second game in his 6-1 second-set comeback and open the final set with a break. He concluded the match, capturing the final three games.

Two other seeded players, third-seed Eliot Teltscher and fifth-seed Jose Higuera survived their opening round matches. Teltscher of Sebring, Florida, defeated Ron Hightower of Los Angeles 6-2, 7-5 and Spain's Higuera eliminated Fernando Maynetto of Peru, 6-4, 6-4.

Meanwhile low ranking, West German Andreas Maurer created an upset in the opening round of the Stuttgart Grand Prix Tennis Tournament defeating fourth seeded Balazs Taroczy of Hungary in two sets 6-3, 7-6.

Sounders ousts Celtic

SEATTLE, July 15 (AFP) — Scottish champions Glasgow Celtic crashed to their second successive defeat in the Trans-Atlantic Cup Soccer Tournament here Tuesday night when they were beaten 2-1 by the Seattle Sounders.

Charlie Nicholas put Celtic ahead after 20 minutes, but two goals from Jeff Bourne turned the tables.

Celtic, a late replacement for Soviet side Donetsk Shakhtior, lost their opening match against New York Cosmos 0-2, while the Sounders defeated English First Division side Southampton 3-1.

In the Copa Libertadores da America elimination in Rio de Janeiro, Rio's Flamengo beat Paraguay's Cerro Portenho 5-1.

The Paraguayans failed to mount any offense in the first period, allowing Flamengo to threaten the goal at will. Only excellent saves by Cerro's Roberto Fer-

nandez kept the score down.

The Brazilians opened the scoring in the 19th minute when Zico fired in a stinging shot, and then did the same on a penalty seven minutes later after Julio Dos Santos fouled Adilio in front of Cerro's goal. The referee ejected Benitez of Cerro after he reacted by striking the Flamengo star in the 30th minute.

At two minutes of the second period Flamengo's Baroinho put the game on ice with his goal, but Cerro's Geronimo Ovelar came back five minutes later for his team's first goal. Flamengo's Nunes then kicked in two at 16 and 18 minutes, while Cerro's Jimenez finished off the scoring in the 45 minute.

The other two group three teams, Atletico Mineiro of Brazil and Olimpia of Paraguay, are to play the next elimination game in Assuncion Friday.

BRIEFS

MADRAS, India (AP) — International master Reuben Rodriguez of the Philippines on Tuesday beat Malaysian champion Christi Hon and later drew his 10th round game with Indian Pravin Thipsay to grab the lead in the final leg of the Asian Masters' Chess Circuit Tournament here, Wednesday.

BOLOGNA, Italy (R) — Sauro Pazzaglia, 27, an Italian motorcyclist who suffered head injuries when he crashed three days ago during practice for the San Marino Grand Prix, died in hospital Tuesday without regaining consciousness, a medical spokesman said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michael Deaver, assistant to U.S. President Ronald Reagan and deputy chief of the White House staff, will serve as the presidential liaison to the 1984 Olympic Games, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee. It was announced Tuesday that

Deaver will be the contact in the executive branch for all matters relating to the 1984 Summer Games in Los Angeles.

MONTREAL (AFP) — Cam Reid of Canada swam the second fastest men's 4 x 400 meters individual medley in the world this year when he won in a time of 4:26.76 during the Canadian Swimming Championships here Tuesday night.

NEWARK, Ohio (AFP) — The World Friendship Series Baseball Tournament resumed here Tuesday after Monday's rain with another victory for the South Korean team over Canada by 13 to 1.

TAIPEI (R) — The holders South Korea, beat the United States 68-64 to retain the William Jones Women's basketball cup Tuesday night. The American, who led 37-34 at half-time, take second place.

Springboks tour of U.S.

ANC threatens boycott of Los Angeles Games

UNITED NATIONS, New York, July 15 (AFP) — The African National Congress (ANC), the main South African liberation movement, warned here Tuesday that it might call for a boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games if U.S. authorities allow the South African Springbok rugby team to play three matches in the United States next September.

Johnny Makatini, ANC representative to the United Nations, said Tuesday night the U.S. decision to allow the Springboks to pass through the United States Thursday en route to their tour of New Zealand was "yet another manifestation of what we see as an emerging pro-apartheid stand in the U.S."

The Springboks are scheduled to transit through New York's Kennedy Airport at dawn Thursday. "We'll be at the airport to picket," Makatini said, adding that he expected leading U.S. athletes to take part in actions aimed at alerting U.S. public opinion.

The ANC representative recalled that the Springbok's New Zealand tour had been condemned both by the African Commonwealth countries and by last month's Nairobi Summit of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). But New Zealand rejected a last-minute appeal for cancellation of the tour.

"We are now placed in a situation where we are left with no option but to campaign for the application of punitive sanctions by African and other friendly countries against New Zealand and the U.S. because for us this is definitely an attempt to salvage the (South African) apartheid regime from international isolation," Makatini said.

African countries, he said, had already warned that they might have to boycott the next Commonwealth Finance Ministers

meeting and the Commonwealth Games if New Zealand went ahead with the Springbok tour.

Noting that Australia had denied the Springboks transit facilities, Makatini said: "We are left with no alternative but to campaign for the boycott" of the Los Angeles Olympics "if the U.S. goes beyond the granting of visas to the Springboks and goes ahead with three planned matches — in Chicago, Albany (New York State) and New York City — which are supposed to take place in September" when the South African players return from New Zealand.

"The reason we think this is a political act is that the U.S. has no tradition really in rugby playing," he added. He said action would be taken to mobilize U.S. opinion "to put pressure on U.S. authorities to cancel these matches."

Meanwhile, in Wellington, talks between police and opponents of the forthcoming tour broke down Tuesday, with the two sides failing to agree on guidelines for protest demonstrations.

Spokesmen for both the police and the anti-tour campaigners expressed dissatisfaction with the meeting, which took place five days before the start of the controversial tour. Police Minister Ben Couch, himself a former New Zealand All-Blacks rugby player, issued a statement urging rugby players and supporters to "play it cool" during the two-month tour.

In Christchurch, four protesters entered the sixth day of a prison hunger strike. The tour have said they will refuse food until they next appear in court, the day of the South African Springboks' first match.

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JUST A MINUTE, CHALKIE, THAT'S NO WAY TO SPEAK TO MY WIFE -
'ELL DEFEND TO THE DEATH MY RIGHT TO AVE MY SAY RATHER THAN LISTEN TO IT

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I THINK I'M MAKING REAL PROGRESS WITH THE MEN OF THIS CAMP
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BLONDI
I'M MR BUMSTEAD FROM DITHERS AND COMPANY TO SEE MR. CLATTER
WHAT FOOLS I HAVE WORKING HERE! THEY'RE ALL INCOMPETENTS!!
AND AS FOR YOU... YOU'RE FIRED!!
GEEZ, NOW I'M GETTING FIRED FROM JOBS THAT I DON'T EVEN HAVE!

B.C.
HELLO.
HELLO?
SIGH
THIS MAY BE A TOUGH ONE...

HAGAR
I WAS BORN IN 940 A.D. AND BORIS WAS BORN IN 925 A.D.
THAT'S NICE...
WHEN WERE YOU BORN, HELGA?
GMMXXVI, MORE CAKE?
NICE RETURN, BABY

SMALL SOCIETY
HOO-BOY!
BEING YOUNG IS SURE HARD WHEN YOUR AGE IS AGAINST YOU -

WIZARD
I'M INTERESTED IN A CEMETERY PLOT
WONDERFUL... HOW MANY?
ONE
WHICH PART OF THE CEME...
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Your Individual Horoscope
Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Be sure to follow through on promises. Don't overlook an important domestic detail. You'll receive helpful advice about your career.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Avoid carelessness on the job. Discussions pertaining to joint assets go well, but differences of opinion could occur later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Enjoy yourself, but don't be careless with valuables. A close friend has a worthwhile tip. Seek ways to improve your income.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Misunderstandings with close ties could arise over domestic matters. Someone could be forgetful. Hunches pay off on the job.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
A little bit of consideration for a co-worker ameliorates differences. Stay clear of gossip. Don't divulge important information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
A friend may not follow through on a promise. Mix unrealistic financial pro-

posals. Home entertainments are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Don't volunteer for an assignment prematurely. Make sure you'll be able to complete it on time. Domestic affairs need attention.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Let reason prevail over temperament, lest you make an unwise decision. Others aren't in the mood to receive advice at present.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Easy-money schemes seem farfetched. Don't fall for someone's convincing line. Idealistic pursuits bring personal satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
If stymied concerning a career matter, don't take the easy way out. Persevere! A friendship reaches a turning point towards nightfall.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You may receive faulty advice or inaccurate information pertaining to a job matter. Friends are helpful. Enjoy privacy later.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Don't overextend credit. Career interests prosper, but it's a mixed bag regarding friendships. Nighttime accents social life.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Bid
6 Heroic story
10 Lacking company
11 " - every little star..."
13 Exasperated
14 Deed
15 Lamprey
16 Zero
17 Be overwhelmed with
20 Italian
21 Iota
22 Whitley or John
23 Overfilled
25 Provoke
26 Be sore
27 Small bell sound
28 Sea (Fr.)
29 - words (rephrased)
32 Nephew, Marcel -
34 Pink-sized
35 Mirestr
36 Ex U.S. secy. of def. (1967-73)
38 African river
39 Rome's old port
40 Weight of Malay
41 Bareft of color

DOWN
1 Paddled
2 Financial venture
3 Prosecute to a conclusion
4 Chemical suffix
5 Spotlight
6 Type of protest
7 On tiptoes
8 See 3 Down
9 Quite attentive
12 Make fun of
16 Townsman
18 Cry of joy
19 Bird's nest
20 Urns
21 Oriental boat
24 Bitter
25 - de la Plata
27 Explosive initials
28 French river
29 Ornamental
31 Fortification
33 Plaintiff
36 Matuna

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A X Y D L B A X B
L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES
Q O I T K X I B Y V V F I Q E Q O I N
Q O K Q G E U E Q T M U Y U

XYTXVID - TEFITQ O NYVVIT
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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

TIME	PROGRAM	TIME	PROGRAM	TIME	PROGRAM
8:00	News Roundup	10:30	VOA World Report	11:00	World News
8:30	Reports: Activities	10:30	VOA World Report	11:00	World News
9:00	Special English	10:30	VOA World Report	11:00	World News
9:30	World Today	10:30	VOA World Report	11:00	World News
10:00	World News	10:30	VOA World Report	11:00	World News
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12:00	World News	10:30	VOA World Report	11:00	World News

Haig raps allies for assailing policies

NEW YORK, July 15 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. lashed out at European complaints about high U.S. interest rates Tuesday, saying these nations should be grateful that the Reagan administration is trying to put the U.S. economy on a sound footing again.

"It should be enough for Americans to say that for four years you Europeans cursed like the devil about our lack of economic discipline here at home," Haig said. The administration has initiated "a complete tightly balanced reform program," Haig said, adding, "I think our European partners should recognize that getting inflation under control will inevitably bring interest rates down."

In an appearance in New York, Haig reacted sharply to reports that West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and France President Francois Mitterrand agreed Monday to jointly question U.S. interest rate policies at the seven-nation economic summit conference in Ottawa next week. President Ronald Reagan will attend the summit.

Haig said there has been "a lot of robust, threatening language from some sources in Western Europe" on U.S. economic policies recently. But he said, "I do not anticipate that the upcoming Ottawa summit will be characterized by Western European bludgeoning of the United States on the high interest rate problem."

Haig did acknowledge that high U.S. interest rates are causing problems for the Europeans by increasing inflation, discouraging investment and promoting "a flow of European money to New York capital markets."

He said he does expect the Europeans to use the summit as an opportunity "to express their concern to the American leadership with respect to the impact that those high interest rates are having on their economic situation in Western Europe, which is serious and in some cases is bordering on grave."

But he also indicated the Reagan administration will stand fast on its policies as long as it needs to. "If we indulge in artificial pumping and manipulation of interest rates you are going to contribute to increased inflation, and the cycle of despair that we have witnessed, before long is going to continue."

Haig also said "Many of our European partners preside over socialistic systems whose fundamental outlook departs from that of ours." He said he doesn't think the European would like "to be lectured on how to handle their own internal affairs with different systems." He said the Ottawa discussions should "be helpful for both-sides."



JAPAN-U.K. CAR TALKS: Geoffrey Moore, head of the British Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, left, looks at Takashi Ishihara, chairman of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association, who announces an agreement on Japanese car exports to Britain at a news conference in Sapporo last week. The Japanese car makers agreed to reduce exports to Britain for the remainder of the year to stay within the 11 percent market share.

EEC cool to Third World proposals

GENEVA, July 15 (R) — Developing countries have proposed an intercontinental textile agreement which would give them a bigger share of the world market.

But the European Economic Community (EEC) said Tuesday it still needed time for its industries to adjust to competition from low-priced clothing imports. Colombia's Felipe Jarrillo presented an 11-page set of Third World proposals to a 51-member textiles committee set up under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The committee opened a special session Tuesday on renewing a four-year-old international multilateral arrangement (MFA) due to expire at the end of the year. The MFA sets the terms for limiting textile imports in bilateral agreements. Jarrillo said the Third World proposals set out ways of objectively determining disruption of national markets, the major reason cited by industrial states for cutting back imports of cheap products from the developing countries.

But EEC representative Horst Krenzler told the committee the textile industry in the 10-nation community was still suffering from low-priced imports. He said the new pact should take into account trends in consumption — now expanding at an annual rate of about one percent in the EEC, Krenzler, speaking after EEC foreign ministers in Brussels agreed on a joint negotiating stance,

GATT talks EEC cool to Third World proposals

said an extension of the MFA for five years should enable community textile producers to adjust to the competition, but they needed sheltering in the meantime.

He called for overall ceilings to be set for low-priced textile products. Highly competitive newly industrialized nations should be treated differently from less developed textile producers, he told the committee.

EEC sources said the distinction could pave the way for possible tougher restrictions on imports from Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea. Krenzler added that the six percent annual growth in textile imports guaranteed under the MFA had a disruptive effect on markets in the present situation.

GATT Director-General Arthur Dunkel, presiding over the committee, said he hoped

the meeting would enable all sides to understand the others' negotiating positions. Wednesday would be free for negotiators to meet informally, but Thursday's session would be devoted to position statements and delegates would then decide whether to continue their talks into next week, he said.

Later Jarrillo told newsmen the developing countries will not accept any change of the minimum six-percent clause. Pressed on whether they will insist on this, he replied: "Yes, we will not accept any change."

Meanwhile, in London, John Munnion, executive board chairman of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers said Tuesday a total of 100,000 jobs could be lost this year in Britain's clothing industry.

Canada flays oil policy critics

OTTAWA, July 15 (R) — The Canadian government's controversial oil policy could increase world oil supply and not reduce it as some big oil companies claim, Energy Minister Marc Lalonde has said.

Reacting sharply to criticism of the national energy program (NEP), Lalonde said in an interview with Reuters that most of the world's top oil executives were buccanniers who did not believe in conservation. The NEP, announced last November, aims at greater Canadian control of the country's energy reserves and has aroused ire among

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Health	Supply of medical oxygen and nitro oxide for 1401/1402	841	500	8.8.81
	Maintenance and operation of power houses at the ministry's dispensaries	842	500	23.8.81
Municipality of Jeddah	Completion of the cornice project	26	10000	15.8.81
	Construction of branch municipal bureaux for the quarters of university, Qassr Khuzam, New Airport and Town.	27	10000	15.8.81

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 15TH JULY, 1981/14TH RAMADHAN 1401

Berth	Name of vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Date of Arrival
3.	Royal Star	O.C.E.	Reefer	14.7.81
4.	Malakand	A.E.T.	Poles/Gen./Cross Bars	13.7.81
5.	Han Nuri	O.C.E.	Tyres/Tubes/Ply/Steel	11.7.81
8.	Maldive Naval	O.C.Trada	Timber/Gen./	1.7.81
7.	Shalhoub-1	O.C.E.	Durra	9.7.81
7.	Dena	Fayez	General	11.7.81
8.	Fatma	Alpha	Bagged Barley	14.7.81
9.	Eitoku Maru	O.C.E.	Reefer	13.7.81
10.	Al Hodeidah	K.A.A.	Contra/Tiles	15.7.81
11.	Concordia Star	Alsabah	Contra/Timber/Gen./L Oil	14.7.81
12.	Ei Obeid	A.E.T.	Gen/Sugar/Contra.	13.7.81
13.	Nopal Verde	Rezayat	Vehicles	14.7.81
14/15.	Georgia 2	O.C.E.	Reefer	9.7.81
16.	Medochem Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	30.6.81
20.	An Hsing	O.C.E.	Steel/Gen./Contra.	11.7.81
21.	Ngomai Chau	Alatas	Durra	12.7.81
22.	Malm Universel	Star	Reefer	10.7.81
23.	Unistar	Oc.Trada	Bagged Barley	24.6.81
24.	Saleh-2	O.C.E.	Asbestos	13.7.81
25.	Prof. Mierzajewski	Attar	Contra/Pipes/Reefer	14.7.81
2.	RECENT ARRIVALS:			
	Nopal Verde	Rezayat	Vehicles	14.7.81
	Prof. Mierzajewski	Attar	Contra/Pipes/Reefer	"
	Foss Dunkerque	Fayez	Contra/Ro-Ro Units	"
	Concordia Star	Alsabah	Contra/Timber/Gen./L Oil	"

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2.	Asia No. 12	SMC	General	7.7.81
3.	Seudi Ambassador	Orri	Gen/Timber	11.7.81
4.	Kriti Pearl	Kanoo	General	13.7.81
5.	Crafts Man	Kanoo	Contra-Gen.	11.7.81
10.	Galiga (1/2nd call)	Gosaibi	Loading Urea	8.7.81
11.	Saudi Cloud	Orri	Maiza	14.7.81
12.	Lamme Island	UEP	General	13.7.81
13.	Aljabirhan	Kanoo	General	14.7.81
15.	Maersk Astro	Kanoo	General	14.7.81
16.	Puma	Star Navi	Bananas/Coconuts	13.7.81
17.	Vivjaya Darshena	Orri	General	14.7.81
18.	Chang Du	Orri	General	14.7.81
20.	Titus	SMC	Cars	14.7.81
24.	Nadlloyd Rosario	Kanoo	Contra/RoRo	14.7.81
26.	Commander Revallo	AET	Containers	15.7.81
29.	Jeldout Ashok	Berger	General	7.7.81
30.	Han Kil	OCE	General	14.7.81
32.	Haung Pugiang	Orri	General	10.7.81
33.	Tang Shan	Orri	General	12.7.81
34.	Amra-V	OCE	Plywood/Tea	13.7.81
35.	Lirya	Orri	General	9.7.81
36.	Psara Flag	Alsabah	Cement Silo Vessel	4.1.78
37.	Toki Arrow (DB)	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	30.6.81
38.	Nissito Maru (DB)	Globe	Bulk Cement	9.7.81

Financial Roundup Dollar deposit rates ease

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, July 15 — The dollar fell in New York Tuesday amid confusion about the likely next course of U.S. dollar interest rates. With Federal Reserve "Fed funds" rates closing at levels of 16 1/2 — 17 percent — a 1/2 percent fall over Monday, dollar deposit rates eased slightly but the rates quoted were not illustrative of general market rates since the quotations took a Friday start into account when in practice dollars are received or paid the following Monday. The Friday start anomaly will be done away with effective October 1 this year with the introduction of the new CHIPS — clearing house interbank payment system.

The pound sterling continued to fluctuate erratically and the Japanese yen was also unstable at 231.00 levels despite some \$100 million sale by the Bank of Japan in support of the yen in the last two days. These were the only positive factors for the dollar in an otherwise bleak performance on both Tuesday night in New York and on European bourses Wednesday.

The French franc regained some ground Tuesday to be quoted at 5.76 80 levels compared to nearly 5.28 levels the day before. Some sizeable interventions were reported by the Central Bank of France to push the rate up against the dollar, but it was basically the dollar's weakness that helped the French franc rise against the dollar to 2.0780 levels compared to 2.10 levels Thursday.

Locally, spot rial/dollar transactions on the exchanges, pushed opening dealing rates from 3.4095 — 05 to 3.4085 — 95 by close of day. Dealing rates, however, were affected by quoting for value "Friday/Saturday" whereby dollars are delivered on Friday, and riyals on Saturday — a non-working day for New York and Europe. As such rates tend to be lower, rial deposit rates, however, were generally weaker Wednesday compared to Tuesday and one-month JIBOR bid-offers opened at 15 1/2 — 15 3/4 percent compared to rates of over 16 1/4 percent the day before. Once again, dollar interest rates falls are dragging riyal rates also along with them. The week fixed money was quoted at 15 1/2 — 16 1/2 percent — the "wide" quotation reflecting renewed market interest rate nervousness.

U.K. opts to keep Concorde going

LONDON, July 15 (AP) — The department of trade announced Wednesday that the Concorde supersonic jet, which has cost taxpayers nearly \$849 million (\$1.57 billion), will be allowed to continue flying, saying it would cost more to scrap it.

The official decision followed a recommendation last April by an all-party committee of the British parliament that the Anglo-French airliner should be scrapped unless ways were found to cut costs. The committee described the elegant jet as a "modern Frankenstein monster" whose costs were out of control.

The trade department said Concorde costs to the state were falling and that it would cost twice as much to scrap it now than to carry on.

The department agreed with the committee's contention that Britain has shouldered more than a 50-50 share of Concorde development costs, and said talks will be held about this with the new French administration of President Francois Mitterrand.

The Anglo-French project was born in 1962 and went into commercial business five years ago. Its huge costs are partly because no

Pakistan, Somalia get Kuwaiti loans

KUWAIT, July 15 (R) — The state-owned Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has given about 30 million Kuwaiti dinars (\$16 million) in loans to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Somalia.

Under the agreement here Tuesday night, the loans are for 20 to 35 years and carry interest rates of between one and a half percent and four percent.

The loans will finance electricity projects in Baluchistan and in the Indonesian city of Bandung, drilling of artesian wells in Bangladesh and an agricultural project in Somalia.

BRIEFS

BANGKOK, (AFP) — Thailand Wednesday devalued its baht currency 8.7 percent against the U.S. dollar in a bid to boost exports and trim imports after a disastrous trade performance in the first half of this year. Last week, the commerce ministry announced a trade deficit of \$1,698,600,000 on the first half, up 71.6 percent from a year earlier.

LONDON, (AP) — Vauxhall Motors, the British subsidiary of General Motors Corp., announced plans Tuesday to lay off 2,000 more workers in an effort to reduce its workforce "to the level that the business outlook will support."

ROME, (AFP) — Unemployment in Italy totaled 1,826,000 or 8.1 percent of the labor force at the end of April, against 1,717,000 or 7.6 percent at the start of the year, according to official statistics here Wednesday.

TOKYO, (R) — Japanese trading houses and oil refiners importing Iranian oil have asked Iran to lower its prices because of a downturn of world oil market prices, industry sources here said Wednesday.

Foreign Exchange Rates			
Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.90	9.65
Bangladesh Taka (100)	—	—	15.10
Belgian Franc (1,000)	85.00	111.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.84	—	2.84
Deutsche Mark (100)	139.00	140.65	140.45
Dutch Guilder (100)	125.00	126.50	126.20
Egyptian Pound	—	4.03	4.23
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	93.50	93.00
French Franc (100)	59.00	59.50	59.15
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	61.00	57.60
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	38.35
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	25.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.00	28.70	28.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.80	—	14.80
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.18	10.15
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	13.00	12.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	78.20	78.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	65.00	63.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.58
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	43.35
Pound Sterling	6.24	6.43	6.41
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	94.00	93.85
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	158.15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	164.20
Swiss Franc (100)	163.00	165.00	164.20
Syrian Lira (100)	—	57.00	66.95
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	33.50	—
U.S. Dollar	3.41	3.4190	3.4120
Yemeni Ryal (100)	—	75.50	74.75

Dupont ups offer for Conoco Corp.

NEW YORK, July 15 (R) — The Dupont Chemical Company has increased its offer for the Conoco Oil Corporation in the biggest takeover battle in U.S. history.

Conoco said in Stamford, Connecticut, that it accepted Dupont's revised cash-and-stock offer, worth about \$7.5 billion. But a Justice Department spokesman in Washington said that it would review the proposed merger between the largest U.S. chemical company and the ninth largest oil company.

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Poles to elect chief by ballot

WARSAW, July 15 (Agencies) — The Polish Communist Party first secretary will be elected by secret ballot by the 1,964 delegates at the special party congress underway here, PAP news agency announced Wednesday.

The vote will take place after the election of a new central committee, PAP reported. It said the procedure was decided during a closed-door meeting Wednesday on the second day of the congress.

Such a procedure is without precedent in the Soviet bloc where voting for the leadership of Communist parties consists in a ritual and usually unanimous approval by the central committee of a single candidate. The present party leader, Stanislaw Kania, had been expected to win a new mandate and, barring some dramatic reversal he was still considered the favorite candidate.

A well informed source said that neither the vote on the central committee nor on the secretary was expected until the end of the congress. PAP said that the new central committee, once formally elected, would put forward the candidates for the party leader-

ship. The 1,964 delegates to the congress would voice their approval of each candidate by raising hands, PAP said. Successful candidates would go on to a secret ballot.

Some delegates said three other nominees for the top party post appeared possible, including the conservative Kania's rival and Politburo member Stefan Olszowski. Others named were Vice Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski and Gdansk area party chief Tadeusz Fishbach.

One official source who asked not to be identified said there was unhappiness among some delegates over the opening speech delivered by Kania, one widely seen as raising new points in Poland's efforts to resolve its crisis. "People were not so satisfied with his speech," the source said. "Even if it was the central committee speech, he still read it. The language was hard and the same as speeches in the past."

Moscow city party chief Viktor Grishin, the ranking foreign guest at the congress, told the delegates that Poland's crisis was caused by "deviations from the general principles of Marxism-Leninism..." He said it provided a



POLISH CONGRESS: Viktor Grishin, chief Soviet delegate to the Polish party congress, addressing the session in Warsaw Tuesday.

Good Morning
 By Jihad Al Khazen

He said, quite out of the blue, "there's a cement deal we can carry, you and I." AH! could get out in answer was a "but..." He was off on a long explanation. There is this Gulf country, X, in immediate need of half a million tons of cement. We offer ourselves as a middleman, and, hey presto, millions in the pocket! The millions are there, he kept saying, simply lying on the ground. We have only to swoop and pick them.

Now I'm used to my friend and his "millions." I reminded him wearily that I'm only a journalist and he an official. The millions are there to be picked, that's certain. But only by those who already had millions. As for us, we cannot think in terms of thousands or even hundreds, let alone millions. His answer, as always, was a protest that even Henry Ford had to start somewhere, that he'd had quite enough of me and my failure to think big, and that he was doing me a favor, but will now seek another partner, someone who, as he put it, will not "cramp his style."

My friend's plans had previously included such items as the setting up of an oil-selling company, registered in the Bahamas, of course. The theory was that as everyone needed oil all you had to do to become rich was to buy certain amounts and then sell them at a reasonable profit. The plan floundered because, of course, he did not have the money to go to the Bahamas... Then there was the plan for a "pearl farm" in Bahrain and the one for buying a "few oil tankers" when these latter were, apparently, "going for a song" and... and...

Translated from *Ashraf Al Awad*

48 hours without food
31 pensioners locked up

MARSEILLES, July 15 (AFP) — The woman owner of an old people's home here has been charged with manslaughter and negligence after police allegations that she locked up her 31 pensioners and abandoned them for 48 hours last weekend.

Police said that Mrs. Monique Rochesani, 34, who lives in a small villa next to the home, went on a short holiday, leaving the pensioners, all very aged and ailing, without care or food for two days and nights. The four staff members were also absent during this period, according to police. One of the patients later died in hospital.

Neighbors, worried at cries and groans coming from the home, finally called the police who sent firemen to smash down the front door, police said. They discovered the old people locked in their rooms, suffering from advanced hunger and thirst, in conditions of extreme filth.

A mentally ill man in his thirties was found locked in a cupboard, the police said. Another patient, 83-year-old Josephine Delaniet, died shortly afterward in hospital. The other 30 old folk were also sent for hospital treatment.

One policeman, describing the interior of the home, said "It resembled a concentration camp." A local doctor told newsmen: "It should never have been allowed to keep open. Conditions there were abominable."

Regiment 'defects' to Afghans

ISLAMABAD, July 15 (AP) — An Afghan Army regiment at the silver-producing town of Charikar, 64 kms north of Kabul, defected to the freedom fighters about three weeks ago, two separate Western diplomatic reports said Wednesday.

If true it would be one of the largest mass defections since the start of the Soviet intervention in December 1979. A "Kandak" or "regiment" normally has between 500-700 men, but most units were believed 40 percent or more under strength.

However, several Afghan groups contacted in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, said they have received no word of the Charikar incident, news of which presumably would have reached them by now.

The diplomatic reports, disclosed by sources who declined to be identified by name or nationality, said an entire regiment joined the Mujahideen but could not say how many troops were involved or the name of the regiment. They quoted unidentified "excellent" local contacts for the information.

Meanwhile, President Babrak Karmal, who left Kabul during the third week of June for a visit to Czechoslovakia, reportedly has gone to the Soviet Crimea for informal talks with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, one of the reports said.

One Afghan delegation which accompanied Karmal to Prague has since returned home. An official report from the Czechoslovak capital said the Afghan leader had stayed on for undisclosed medical treatment.

Both Western reports said urban fighters ambushed a car carrying KPAD secret service agents at Argah, a lake retreat, about 9 kms west of Kabul, last Friday, killing two of the occupants and capturing three. Soviet soldiers at a nearby building made a hasty departure without attempting to join the gunbattle, one of the reports said.

At Cambodia conference
States urge Viet pullout

UNITED NATIONS, July 15 (Agencies) — Speakers at a 78-nation conference on Cambodia (Kampuchea) have called on Vietnam to pull its 200,000 troops out of the country and expressed fears that the Cambodian problem could spread to affect the whole region.

Both Vietnam and the Soviet Union, a supporter of Hanoi's involvement in Cambodia have boycotted the conference which entered its third day Wednesday. Australia and New Zealand Tuesday advocated a phased pullout of Vietnamese troops from the troubled Southeast Asian nation.

Australian Foreign Minister Anthony Street said this "would avoid the creation of a power vacuum which could result in a return to power of the Pol Pot regime," referring to the administration ousted by Vietnam's December 1978 intervention.

But Egypt called for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Cambodia. "My government reaffirms its steadfast support for the total withdrawal of all foreign forces from all occupied territories, be it Afghanistan, the occupied Arab territories, Namibia or Chad," said Nabih Elaraby, Egypt's deputy permanent U.N. representative.

Several countries voiced concern Tuesday that Cambodia's problems could spill over its borders and affect the entire area. Thailand, which shares a border with Cambodia, expressed an especially strong interest. "We are

Reuters plans to buy UPI

LONDON, July 15 (AP) — Reuters Ltd. the British international news agency says it is "actively considering" a proposal to enter negotiations to buy United Press International, the financially ailing U.S. agency.

In New York, Rodrick W. Beaton, UPI's president and chief executive, said no serious negotiations were under way with Reuters or any other agency or individual on selling the news service. He said UPI has publicly announced on several occasions that it is seeking a change in its ownership status. Mike Nelson, Reuters general manager, said Tuesday that UPI had presented the idea to his company and the British organization was "actively considering it."

"It is true that UPI have asked Reuters and several other international organizations if they are interested in buying them," Nelson said. Another senior Reuters executive, who asked not to be identified, said the company has "not yet decided whether or not to go into negotiations."

In contested seas
Soviets posing naval threat

ISTANBUL, Turkey, July 15 (AP) — As the fifth anniversary of the maiden voyage of Russia's first aircraft carrier through the Turkish Straits approaches, Western experts here believe the Kremlin has asserted itself as a "naval threat" in contested seas.

"With the introduction of Kiev-class carriers, they certainly showed that they are seeking long-term naval domination," one Turkish naval expert said. A Western observer noted in the five-year period since Kievs' passage through the Turkish Straits on July 18, 1976, the Soviet Navy gradually increased the efficiency and number of its warships in the volatile Mediterranean area.

When the 11,000-ton, sleek attack carrier first steamed through the narrow, 21-mile water channel, Western defense specialists had predicted it would herald a new era in the race for naval hegemony between Moscow and Washington.

"Apparently," the Turkish expert stressed, "the Soviets now have the upper hand in the Mediterranean." According to Western intelligence estimates, the Soviet Navy keeps 40 to 45 surface ships in the ancient sea, as opposed to 27 to 30 warships attached to the U.S. Sixth Fleet.

Sources say two more Kievs-class carriers will join the constantly-growing Soviet fleet in the next few years. Russia's second attack carrier *Minsk* made the crossing on Feb. 25, 1979.

Spanish major freed by court

MADRID, July 15 (AP) — A district court Wednesday freed Army Maj. Ricardo Saenz de Ynestillas, arrested three weeks ago after an investigation into an alleged new plot against Spain's civilian government. The court also freed three civilians arrested with the 46-year-old officer in rejecting and appeal by a government prosecutor that all four were prosecuted under a law aimed at preventing terrorism against the state.

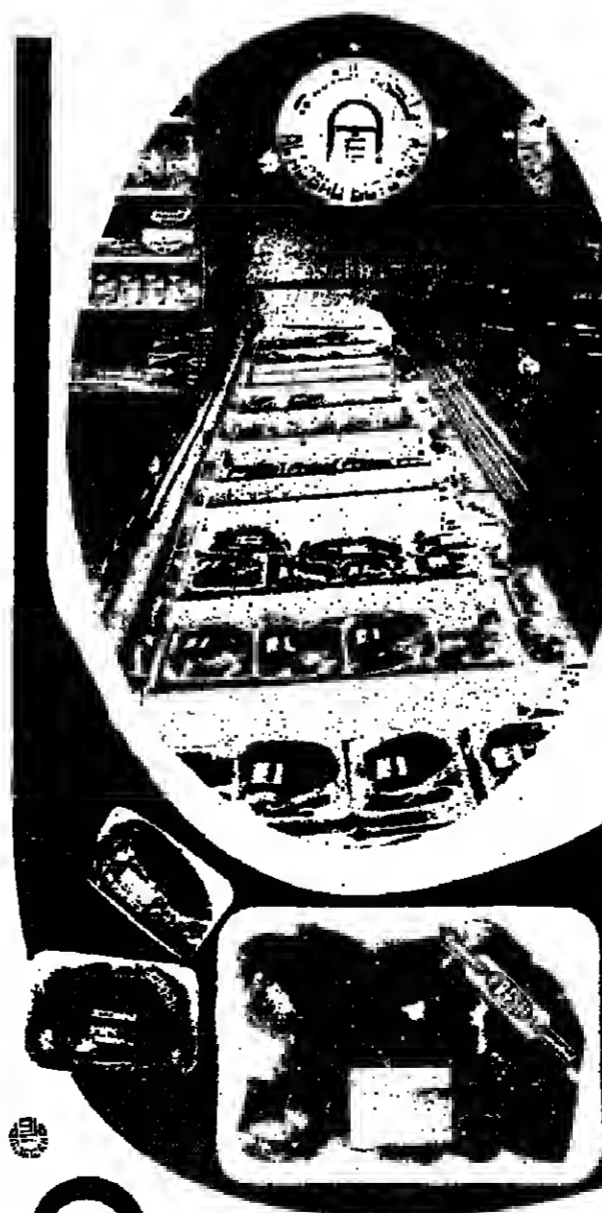
Saenz de Ynestillas was freed by a military judge five days after his June 23 arrest but ordered rearrested by the government under the anti-terrorism law. A civilian judge ordered him freed on July 6 but the prosecution appealed.

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